

JUMP COMICS



ワンピース ONE PIECE

卷十八「エース登場」



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DIGITAL

DIGITAL COLORED COMICS

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SHUEISHA

THAT WAS ONLY
THE ITTY BITTY
BITS STUCK TO
THE BOTTOM
OF THE LID!

But you ate
some too.

HOW DO
YOU
EXPECT US
TO CATCH
ANYTHING
WITH NO
BAIT?

LUFFY!
IT'S BECAUSE
YOU KEEP
EATING OUR
BAIT!

The ship
sails onward
to Alabasta,
albeit with
some slight
troubles.

It has been
5 days since
the crew left
Drum Island.

第156話 “オカマ日和”

Chapter 156: "A Nice Weather for an Okama"

WHAT'RE
YOU TWO
DOING TO
CARUE!?

ゴザン!!

ASHU!

QUACK!

CARUEEE!!!

いやあああああ

Bonora
catches a
sea ionic.

Think we can
catch a shark
with this!

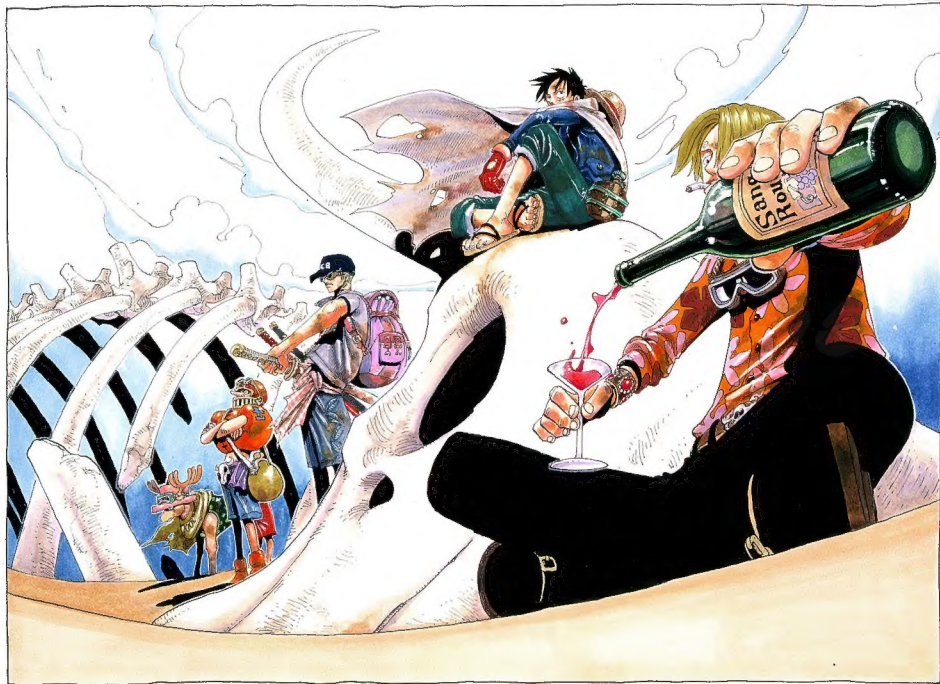
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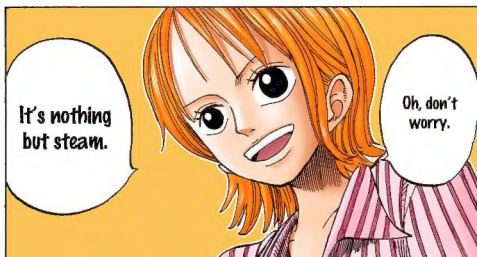
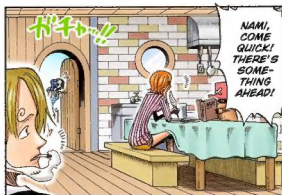
Luffy, Usopp!
Have you caught
anything y-

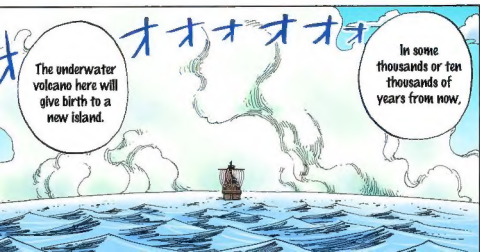
What's
that?

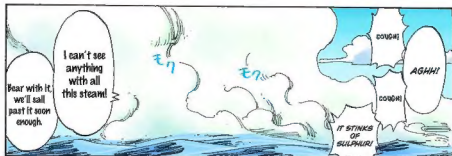
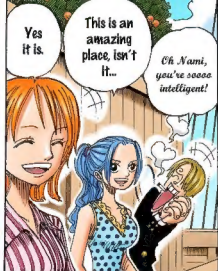
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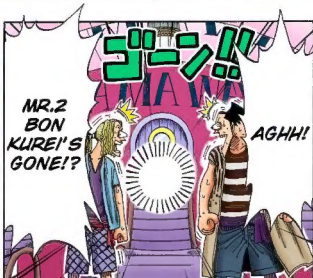
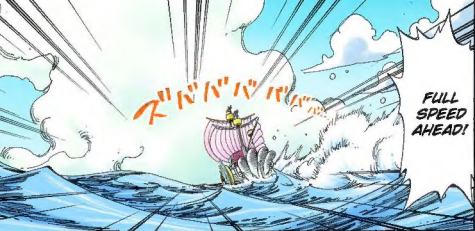
Chapter 156 "A Nice Weather for an Okama"

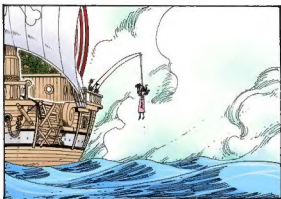


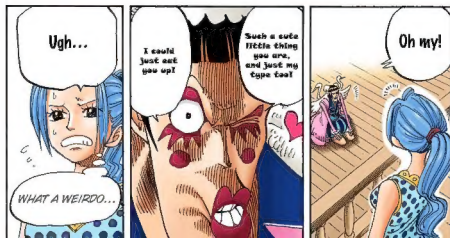
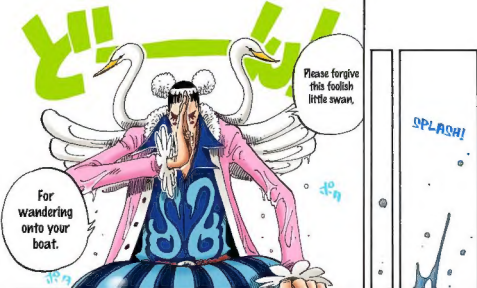


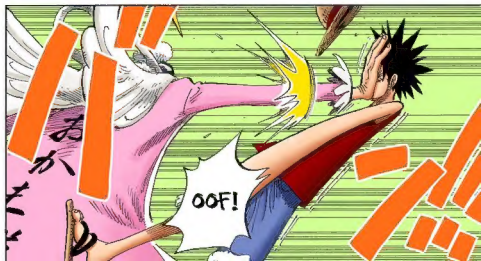
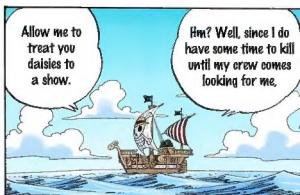


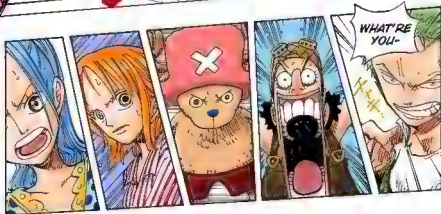
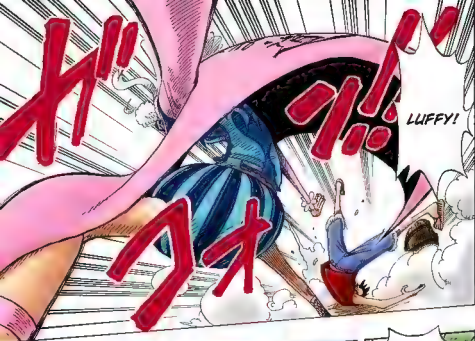


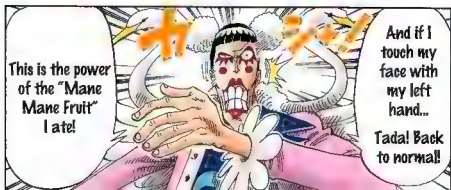
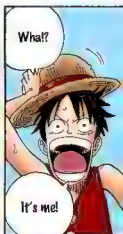
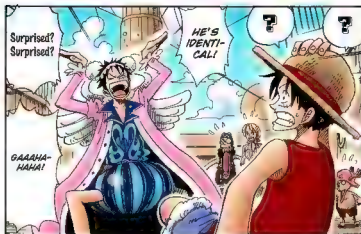




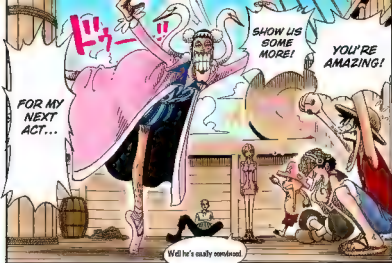






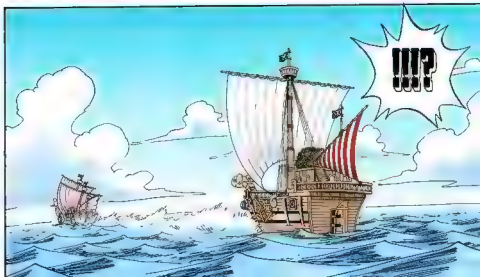
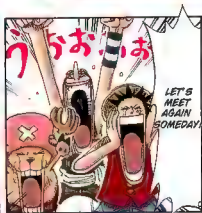
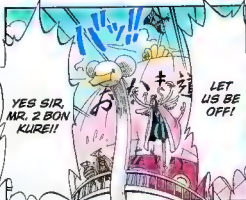


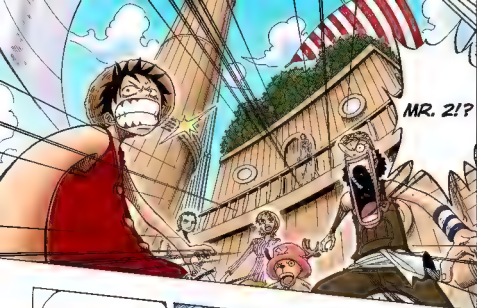




Has no
bearing
on true
friendship!

The length of
time spent
together,





I'm afraid not...
I've never met
Mr. 2 or Mr. 1
and his partner...

I also don't
know about
their
abilities.

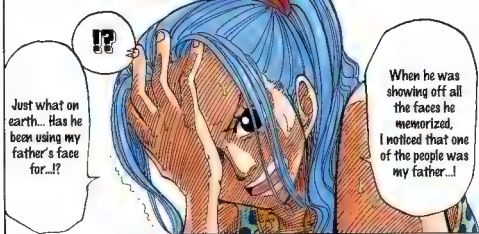
VIVI! YOU
WEREN'T AWARE
OF HOW HE
LOOKED LIKE!?

THAT
WAS...
MR. 2
BON
KURE!!

You really,
really, really
should've
realized it
sooner.

That he looks and talks like
an extremely flamboyant
okama, and wears a swan
coat that reads "Okama
Way" on the back...

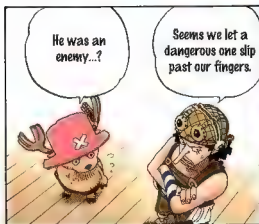
But I have
heard
rumours
about
Mr. 2...



!?

Just what on earth... Has he been using my father's face for...!?

When he was showing off all the faces he memorized, I noticed that one of the people was my father...!



He was an enemy...?

Seems we let a dangerous one slip past our fingers.



Then there's a whole lot of damage he could do...

...If a guy like him could transform into the King of Alabasta,

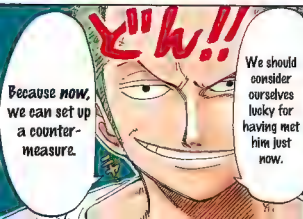
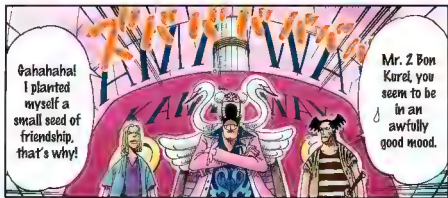


If he realizes that we were his enemies...

Then with that memory skill, he'll be able to change into any one of us... Making us unable to trust each other anymore.



Yes... He's quite a troublesome enemy to face...



Chapter 157 “Ace Appears”



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 24 "A GIRL TAKEN HOSTAGE"



Sea Cat
(Marine Mammal)
Habitat:
Coasts of Sandy Island

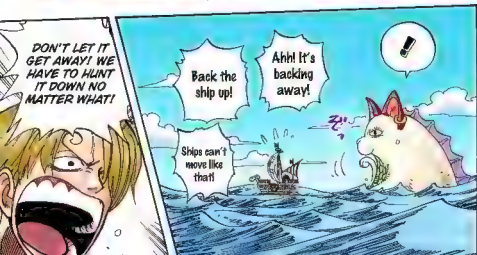
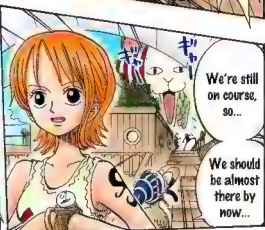
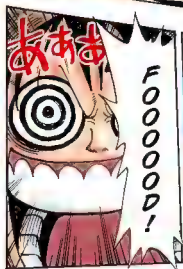
WHAT THE
HECK IS
THAT!?

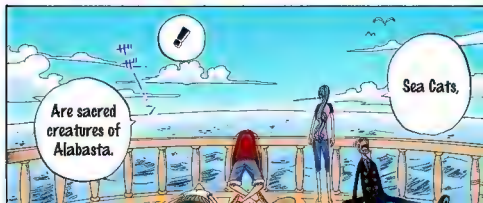
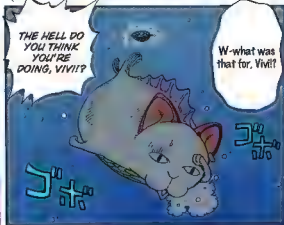


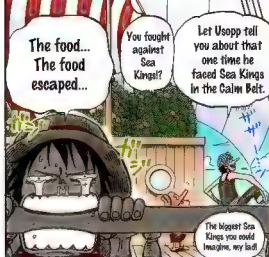
IT'S
A
MOON-
STEERR!

GAHHH
HHH!

IT'S A
SEA CAT!







The food...
The food
escaped...

You fought
against
Sea
Kings!?

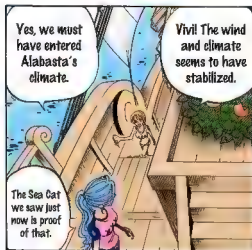
Let Usopp tell
you about that
one time he
faced Sea Kings
in the Calm Belt.

The biggest Sea
Kings you could
imagine, my lady!



PANT PANT...
Heh, looks like
you've still got a
long ways to go if
you get scared at
something like
that.

There sure
are a lot of
strange
creatures in
the sea.



Yes, we must
have entered
Alabasta's
climate.

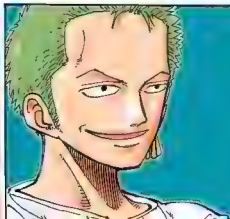
Vivi! The wind
and climate
seems to have
stabilized.

The Sea Cat
we saw just
now is proof
of that.



REALLY!?
WHAT KIND
OF CAT'LL
COME OUT
FROM THE
SEA THIS
TIME!?

Don't worry,
you'll soon be able
to eat as much
as you want.



And I guess
a sight like
"that" is
another proof
that we've
reached
Alabasta.

どーん!!

!!!

SHIPS!



S-s-should we. Pre-emptively attack them while we have the chance?!

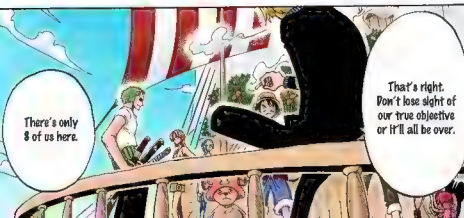
ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION'S UNDERLINGS MUST HAVE STARTED TO GATHER HERE...!

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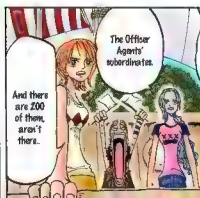
AND THEY ALL HAVE B.W.'S MARK ON THEIR SAILS!

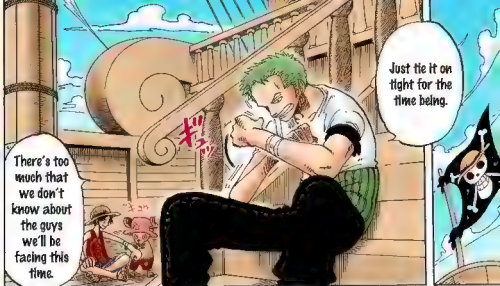
オオオ...

SO MANY SHIPS!! WHERE'D THEY COME FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN!?



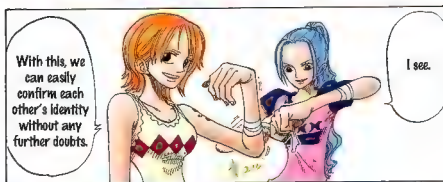
Not only that, they're elite agents who're completely on another level from the regular bounty-hunters you came across in Whiskey Peak.





There's too much that we don't know about the guys we'll be facing this time.

Just tie it on tight for the time being.



With this, we can easily confirm each other's identity without any further doubts.

I see.

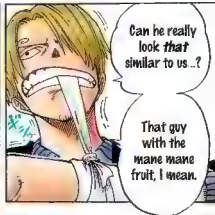


Gawking at okamas ain't my thing.

He doesn't just *look like* you. He pretty much *is* you.

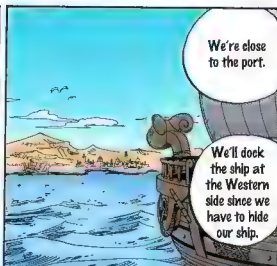
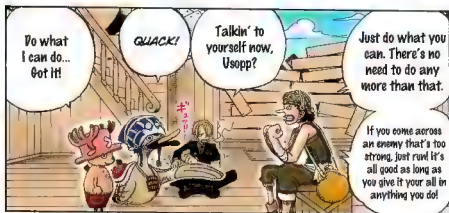
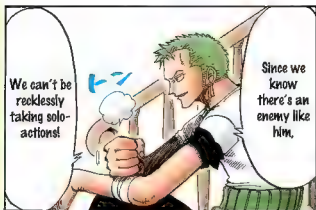
Too bad you missed him. He gave us quite a show.

We danced and had a blast without even realizing we were enemies!



Can he really look *that* similar to us...?

That guy with the mane mane fruit, I mean.





Now then...

WILL BE THE
MARK OF OUR
FELLOWSHIP!

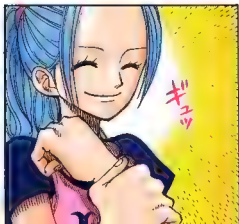
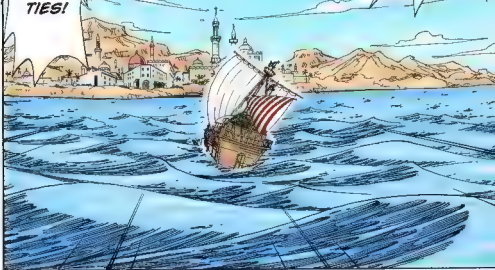
Let's head
onshore!

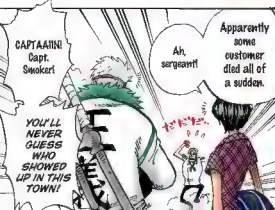
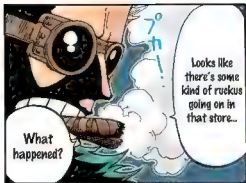
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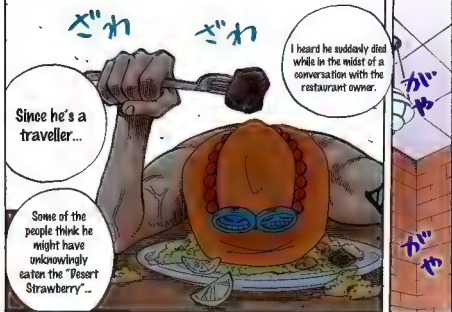
**SORT
OUT
YOUR
PRIORI-
TIES!**

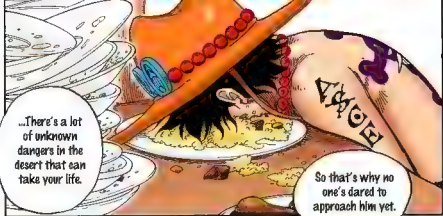
...And then to
Alabasta.

**TO A RES-
TAURANT
WE GO!!!**









...There's a lot of unknown dangers in the desert that can take your life.

So that's why no one's dared to approach him yet.



It's no wonder the venom of the Desert Strawberry,

Is the stuff of legends...!

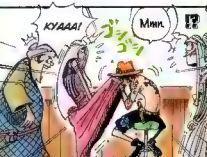
Look. His arm froze up at the exact moment,

He was about to raise it up to his mouth...



A-are you alright?

Hmm?



KYAAA!

Mmm.

!?



AGHH! HE CAME BACK TO LIFE!

PFFFT?

ゼツ!!

がばっ!!



Whew-

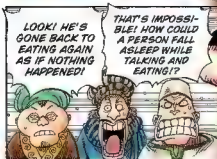
Mnn...



You fell
ASLEEP!?

I must've
fallen asleep.

My
bad...



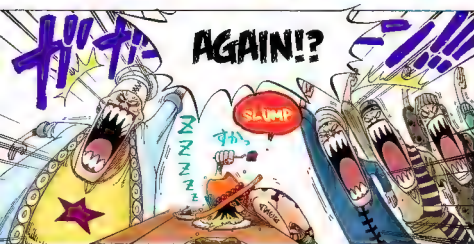
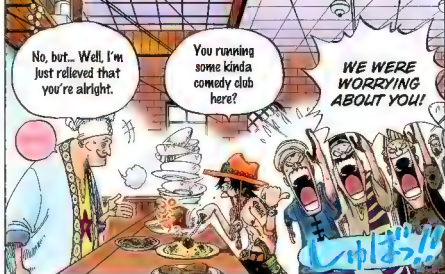
LOOK! HE'S
GONE BACK TO
EATING AGAIN
AS IF NOTHING
HAPPENED!

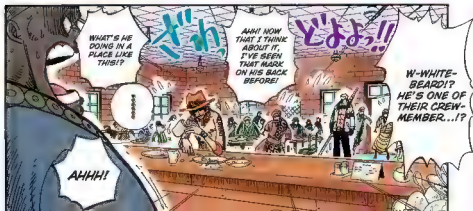
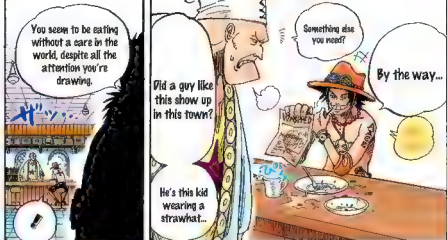
THAT'S IMPOSSI-
BLE! HOW COULD
A PERSON FALL
ASLEEP WHILE
TALKING AND
EATING!?



So what's
everyone all
gathered
here for?







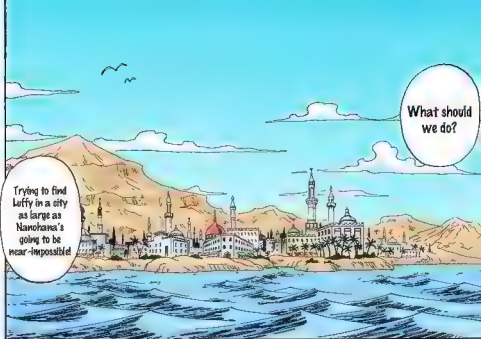


Chapter 158

“Docking at Alabasta”



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 25 "THE FRAGILE FANG CALLED JUSTICE"



Trying to find Luffy in a city as large as Nanohana's going to be near-impossible!

What should we do?



If there's something to worry about,

Hahaha, so true.

And he'll be there for sure.

Don't worry, Vivi.

All we have to do is look in the noisiest part of town.



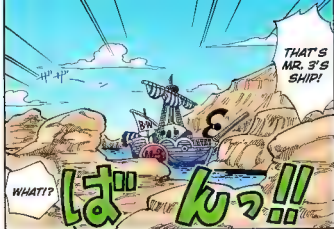
For now, we should go and eat something as well. We can think about all that stuff later.

Just leave him be.



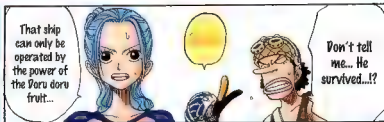
I wish he'd pay just a little more attention to that, especially in a country as large as Alabasta...

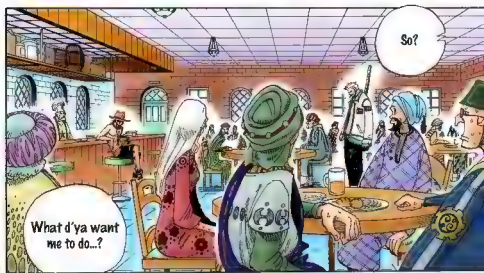
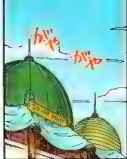
It's the fact that he's completely clueless to the bounty placed on his head.

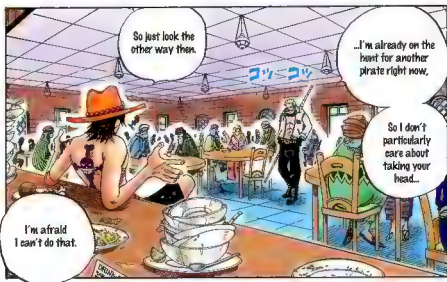
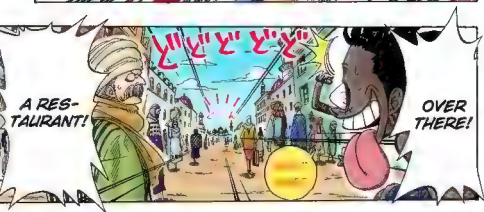
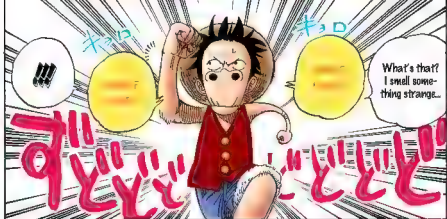


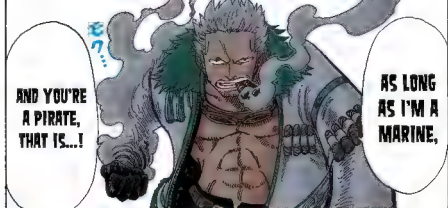
THAT'S
MR. 3'S
SHIP!

Wait, look...!









AND YOU'RE
A PIRATE,
THAT IS...!

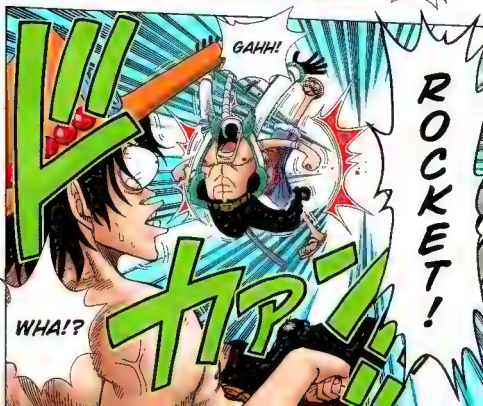
AS LONG
AS I'M A
MARINE,



Well, let's
see what
ya got.

What a dull
reason...

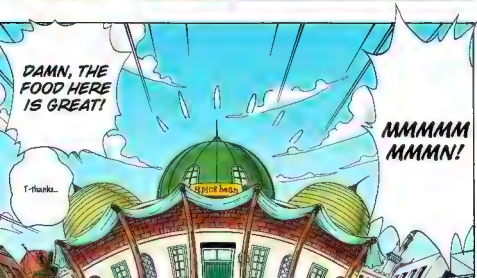
YAHOO!

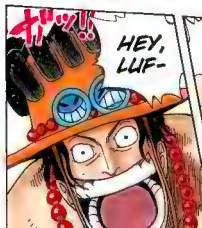
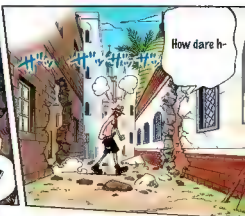


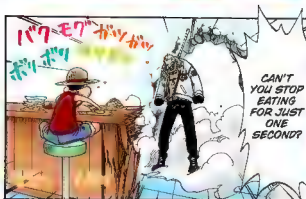
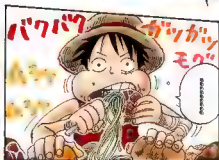
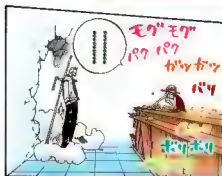
WHA!?

GAHH!

ROCKET!



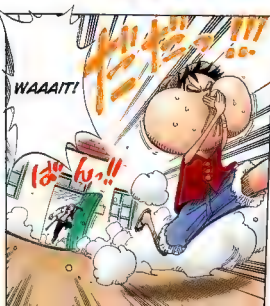
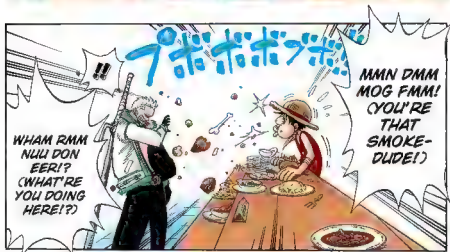
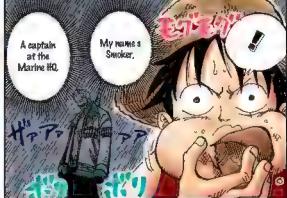






A captain
at the
Marine HQ.

My name's
Smoker.

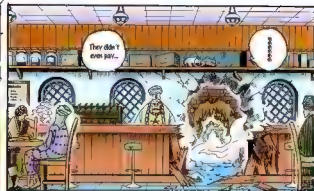
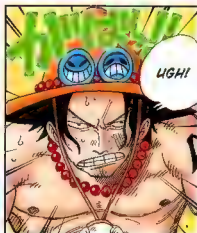
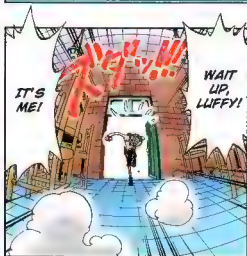
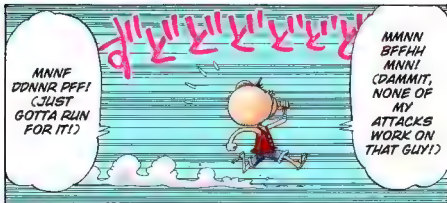


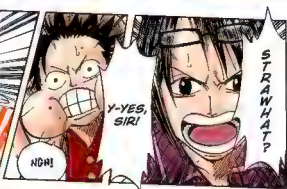
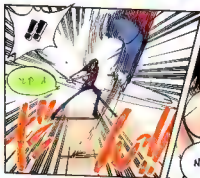
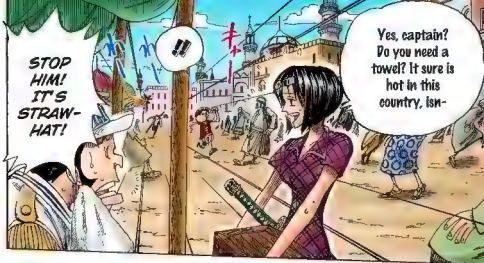
MMNF NRR
GRRB
(THANKS FOR
THE GRUB!)

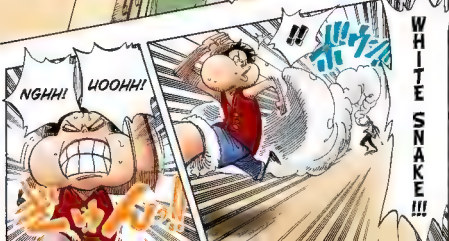
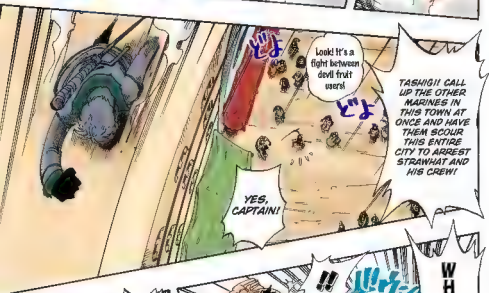
YOU
LITTLE
PIECE
OF S...



WHAT?







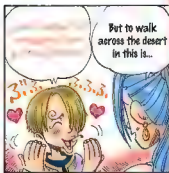
Sorry if I sound like I'm complaining after making you go out and buy clothes Sanji, but...

These dresses make us look more like exotic dancers than inconspicuous civilians...

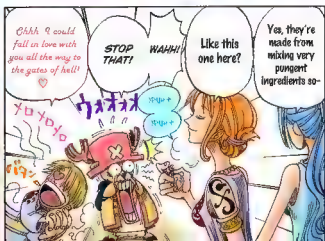
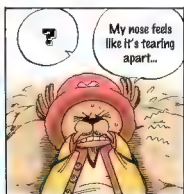
This is just the kind of thing I like!

Oh, how lovely!
♡

In the outskirts of the port city Nanohana



とく!!



So Vivi, where
do we head
from here?

In any case, we
now have all the
supplies we need
to cross the
Alabastan
desert...

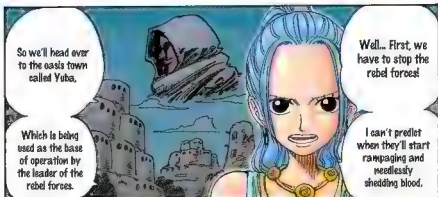


So we'll head over
to the oasis town
called Yuba,

Which is being
used as the base
of operation by
the leader of the
rebel forces.

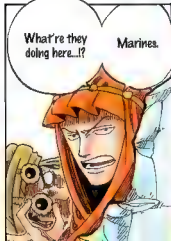
Well... First, we
have to stop the
rebel forces!

I can't predict
when they'll start
rampaging and
needlessly
shedding blood.



What're they
doing here...!?

Marines.



WHAT
IS IT?



GET
DOWN!

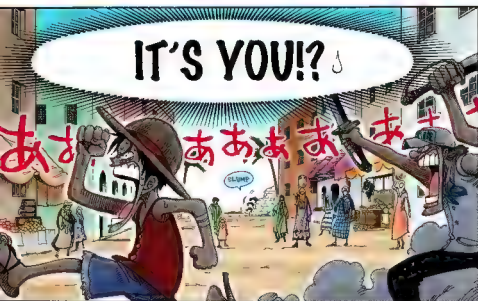
And to go to
Yuba, we-





Maybe
some pirate
appeared.

Sounds like
there's some-
thing going on
in town...



IT'S YOU!?



The rest of you
stand back down!

LOOK!
THERE'S
THE
REST OF
HIS
CREW!

OH, FOR
THE
LOVE OF-

HEY,
ZORO!

CAPTAIN!

Yo, is
everyone
all here?

YOU
IDIOT!
LOSE
THEM
FIRST
BEFORE
YOU
COME
HERE!

ズクザッ!!





You might be smoke,
but I'm fire.

A match between
our abilities won't
get us anywhere.



You haven't
changed at all.

Have you, Luffy?

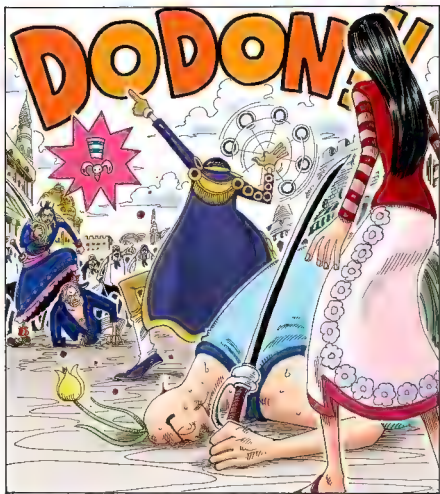


ACE...!?

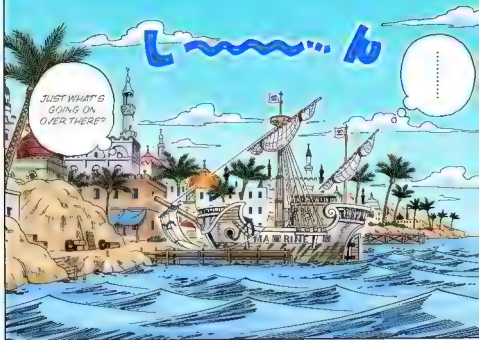


WHO'S
THAT...!?

Chapter 159 "Come Up"



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 26 "THE MAN WHO CAME BACK"



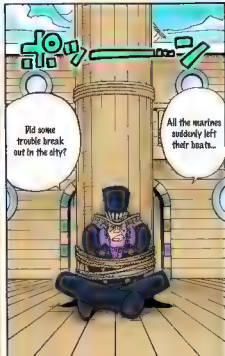
JUST WHAT'S
GOING ON
OVER THERE?

.....



Now's the
perfect
chance to
escape...!

Well...
Doesn't bother
me, heh heh.



Did some
trouble break
out in the city?

All the marines
suddenly left
their boats...



Mr. II.

Hm?

オオオオオオ...

We're
Billions.

We're still
members
of BW, but
we ain't
Millions.

Then you
must be the
Millions,
right?

You know my
codename?

We'll don't just
stand there!
Hurry up and
untie these
ropes!

Mr. 11...
A bottom-rank
numbered agent
like you isn't
exactly in a
position to order
us around.

In other
words, we're
next-in-line
for future
numbered
agents.

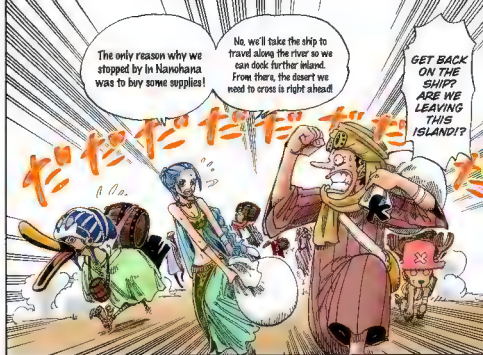
I'D RATHER
HAVE YOU
LEAVE AN
AVAILABLE
POSITION FOR
A NUMBERED
AGENT.

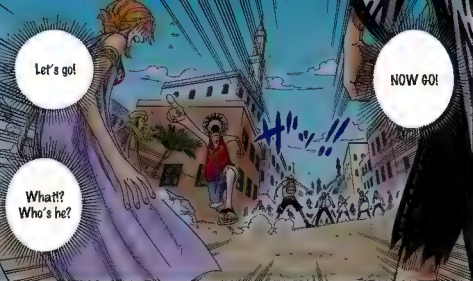
WHA!?
NO,
WAIT!

DON'T BE
STUPID.

O-oh, sorry
about that,
Billions.

In any case,
would you mind
untying these
ropes for me?





Let's go!

NOW GO!

What!?
Who's he?



There's a task
that I can ask
only you to do.

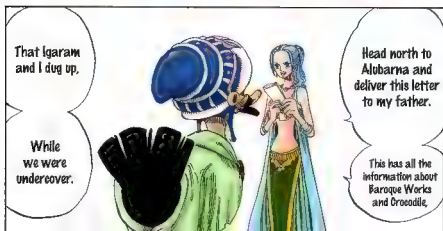
QUACK?



Carve,
wait!

Oh,
right.

Luffy!
Hurry up
and get
onboard!

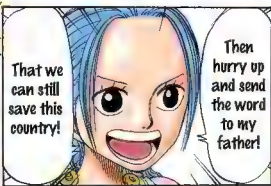
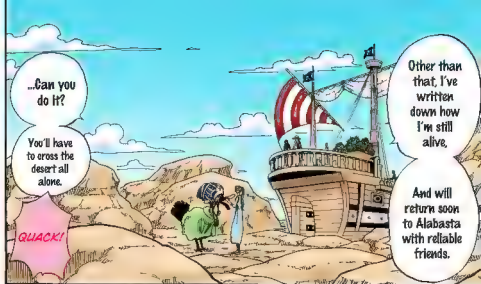


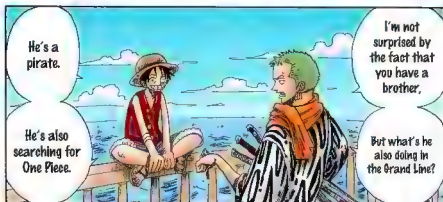
That Igaram
and I dug up,

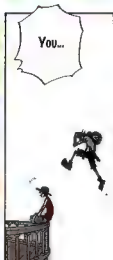
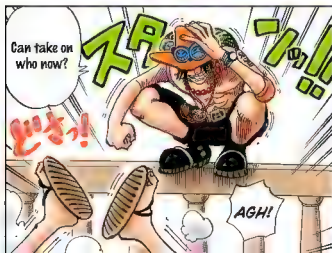
While
we were
undercover.

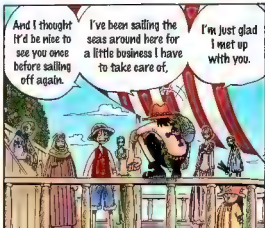
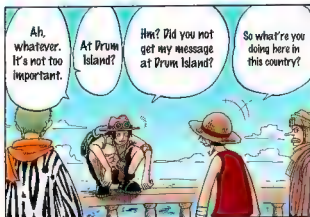
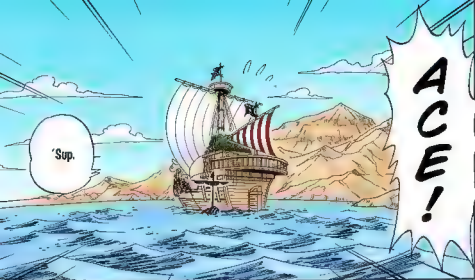
Head north to
Alubarna and
deliver this letter
to my father.

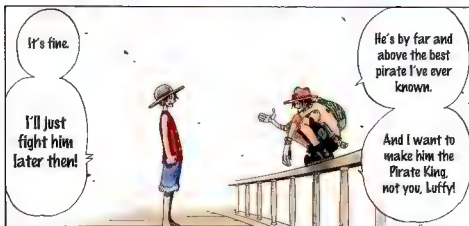
This has all the
information about
Baroque Works
and Crocodile.



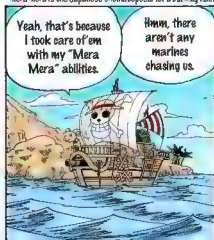








*mera mera is the Japanese onomatopoeia for a burning flame





Captain! We just received a report that Mr. Li who we left tied up onboard has been killed!

What should we do, captain?

We've lost all sight of the Straw Hat pirates thanks to his fire!

DAMN IT! THERE'S A HUGE WALL OF FIRE!



Capt. Smoker! Forgive me for arriving late!

What happened to the Straw Hat Pirates?

Alabasta's a large country... It's gonna be tough to find them again after letting them get away once.

Damn that Portgas...!



What do you make of this...?

Vivi was with them...

Well, in the other side of town...

Just where the hell have you been all this time, Tashigi...



Sseek...

Sergeant, please!

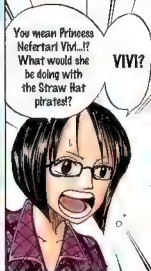


You know how much I hate the Shichibukai...

There's also one other guy in this country... A man I have a very bad feeling about...

That's what I'm trying to figure out right now.

Are you referring to Sir Crocodile, captain?



You mean Princess Nefertari Vivi...!? What would she be doing with the Straw Hat pirates?

VIVI?



He's always been a cunning one, since his pirate days...

He's definitely not the type to quietly follow the Government's orders.

But as a Shichibukai,

He's technically on the same side of the World Government and us marines.



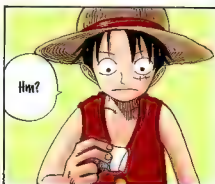
A pirate... Will always **BE** a pirate!

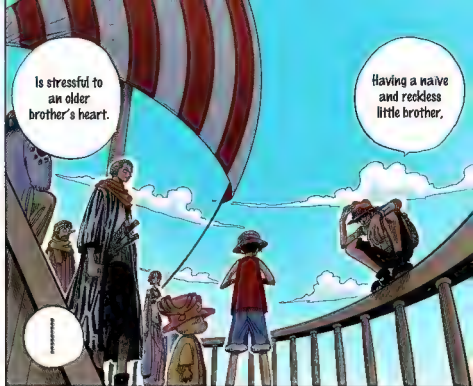
Tashigi... Remember this well...!

I wanted to give you this.

ポン

Here.





Is stressful to
an older
brother's heart.

Having a naïve
and reckless
little brother,



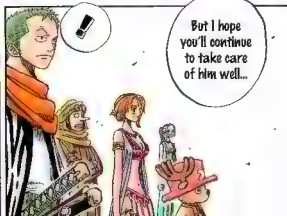
You're
leaving
already!?

Wha!?

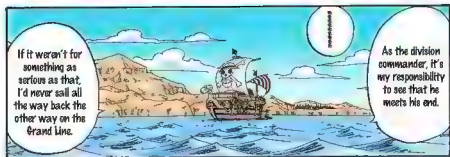
Yeah.



I'm sure the
rest of you
have your
hands full
trying to take
care of him.



But I hope
you'll continue
to take care
of him well...



IF WE CAN KILL HIM, THEN
OUR PROMOTION TO
NUMBERED AGENTS IS
ALL BUT GUARANTEED!

うおおおおお

GET BACK TO
THE SHIP!
WE'LL FINISH
HIM OFF ON
THE SEAS!

I AIN'T
KIDDING!
I SAW
"FLAME
FIST ACE"
WITH MY
OWN TWO
EYES!

THE 2ND
DIVISION
COMMANDER
OF THE
WHITEBEARD
PIRATES IS
HERE!?

どどどどど

Well, whaddya
know... The
world's a
strange and
mysterious
place.

He's... Such
a good older
brother!

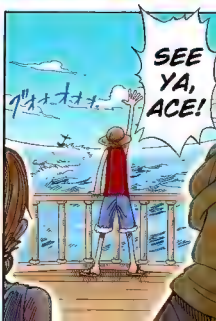
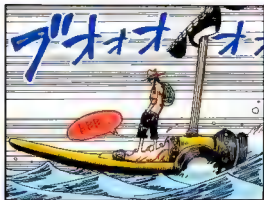
I always imagined if Luffy
had an older brother, he'd
be even more "luffy" than
Luffy, if you know what I
mean.

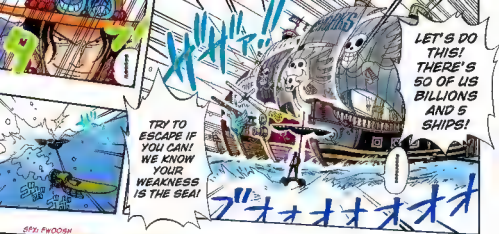
N-now,
now...

Brother-
hood's a
wonderful
thing,
isn't it?

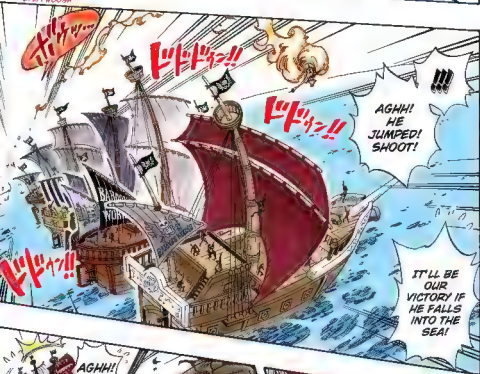
What...!? There's
no way such a
polite and
rational guy,

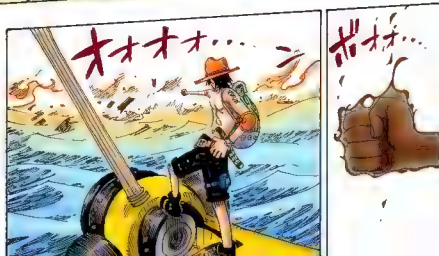
Could actually
be Luffy's
older brother!





SFX: FWOOSH



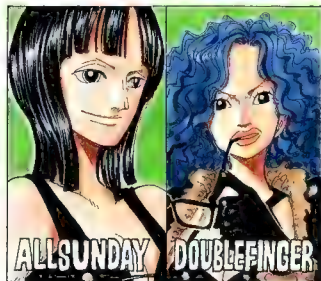


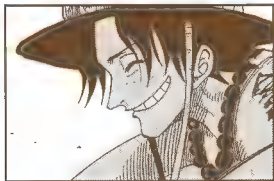


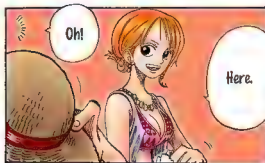
ONE PIECE

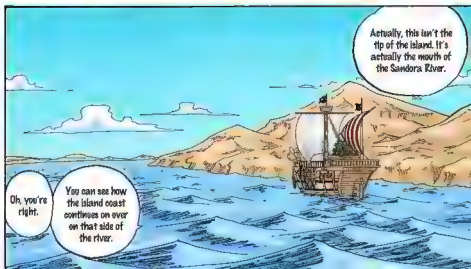
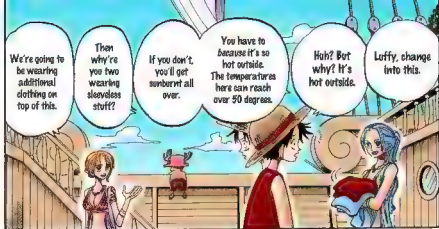
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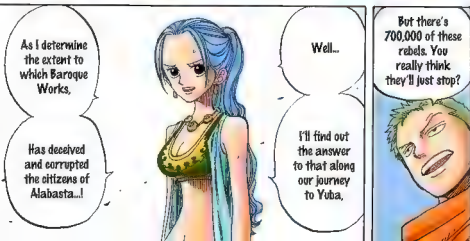
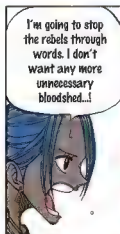
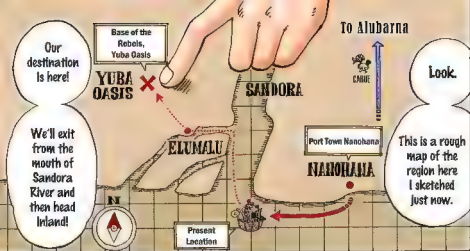
"8 o'clock at Spider's Café"

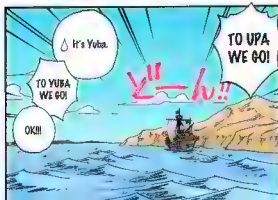
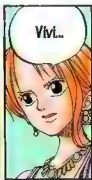












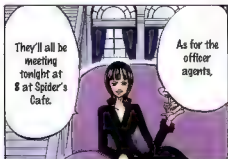


Yes, and there are no delays.

150 "Billions" Agents are awaiting orders at Nanohana.

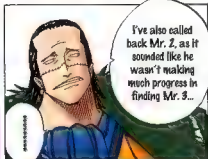
Have you finished with the necessary preparations?

The operation begins two days from now at 7am.

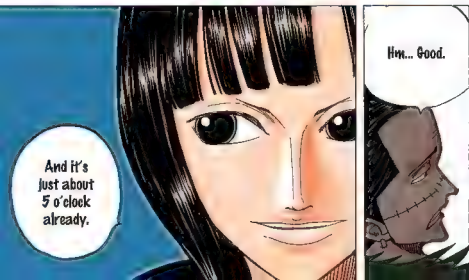


They'll all be meeting tonight at 8 at Spider's Cafe.

As for the officer agents,

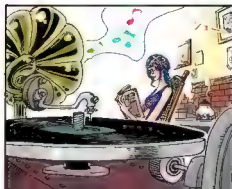
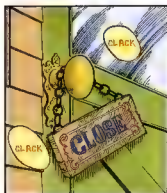
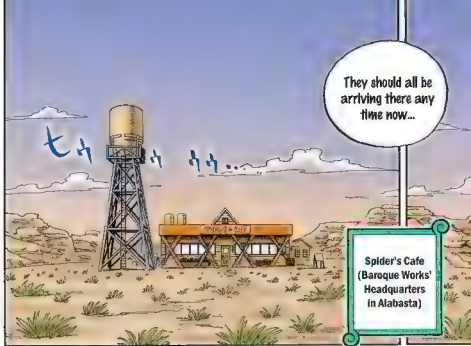


I've also called back Mr. 2, as it sounded like he wasn't making much progress in finding Mr. 3...



And it's just about 5 o'clock already.

Hm... Good.



ONEHECKOFA
LONGTRIP
ITELLYAWHAT!
OWWOWWOWW!
MYHIPHURTS!
THISISALLYER
FAULTMR.4!

はいん!!

YEAHYEAH,
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!
DAMMIT
I'MTIRE!

Baroque Works
Officer Agent
Mr. 4

Baroque Works
Officer Agent
Ms. Merry Christmas

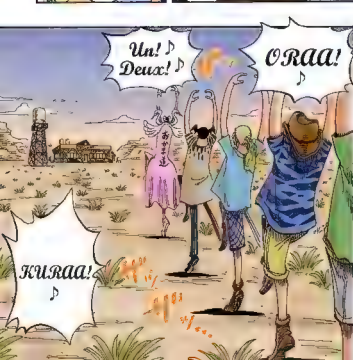
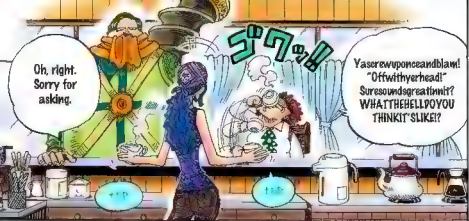
Yerslowness
ismakingmy
hipsache!

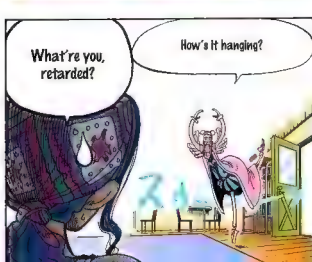
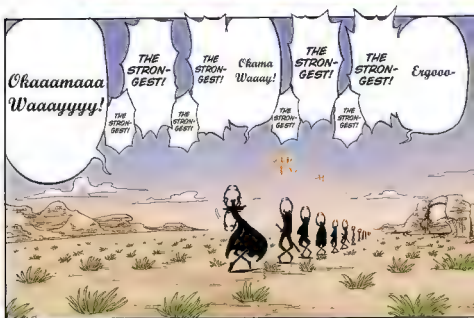
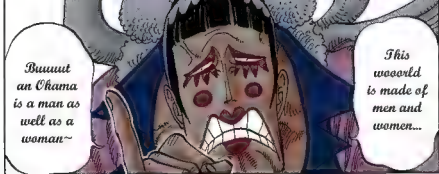
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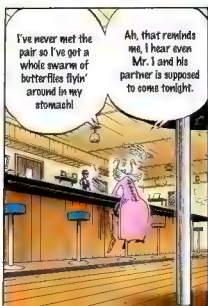
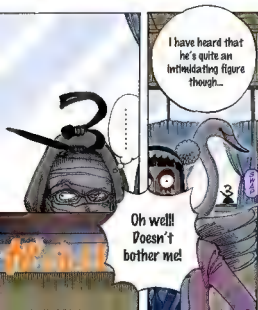
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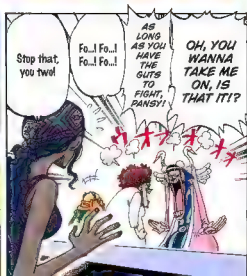
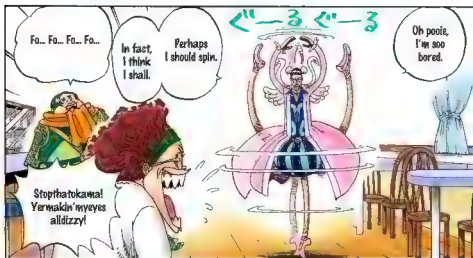
Uhh...
\$...













What, these
your friends,
okama?

IT...
IT WAS
HIM...

AAHHH! WHAT
HAPPENED?
WHY DID YOU
SUDDENLY
FLY INTO
THE CAFE
LIKE THAT!?



Don't worry,
they're not
dead.

They were
moving
suspiciously
across the
desert so
I taught them
a lesson.

*character on his chest reads "1"

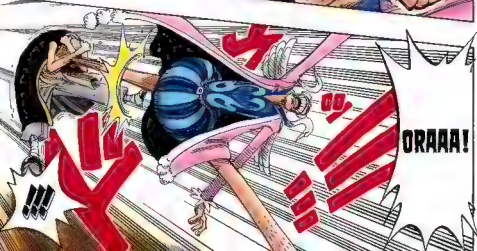
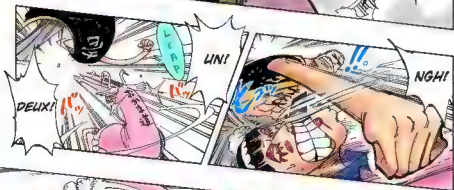
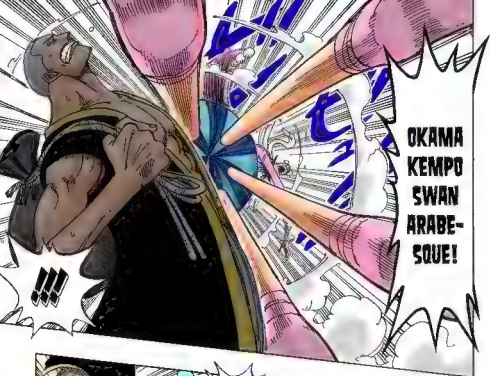
THEY'RE MY
SUBORDI-
NATES!

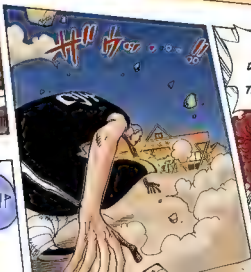
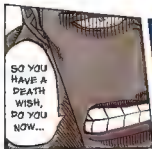
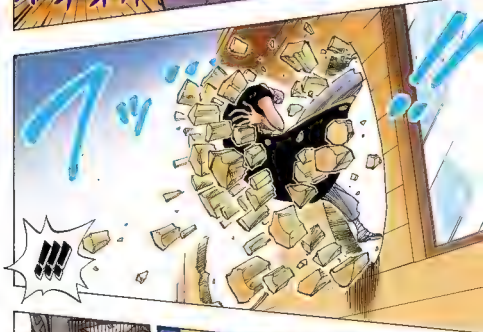
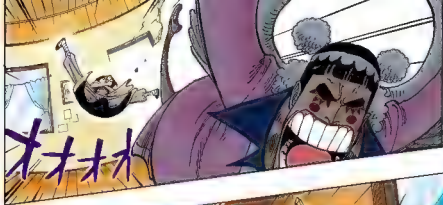
Seems like
you're quite
attached to
them.

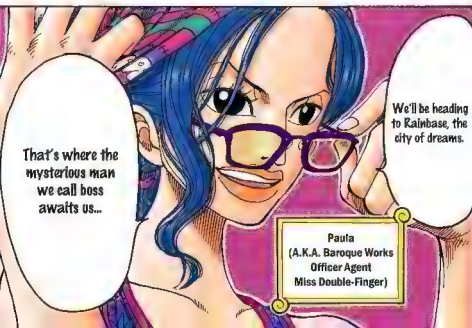
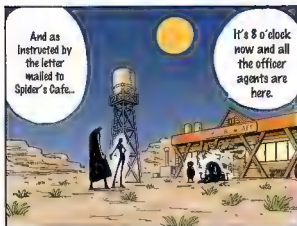
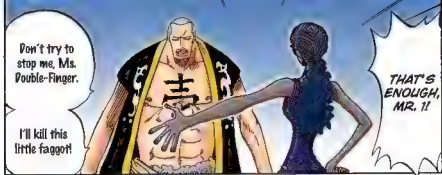
NO,
MR. 2!
STOP!

Baroque Works
Officer Agent
Mr. 1

So let me just
warn you that
hanging around
with freaks like
them is only going
to bring your own
self down too.

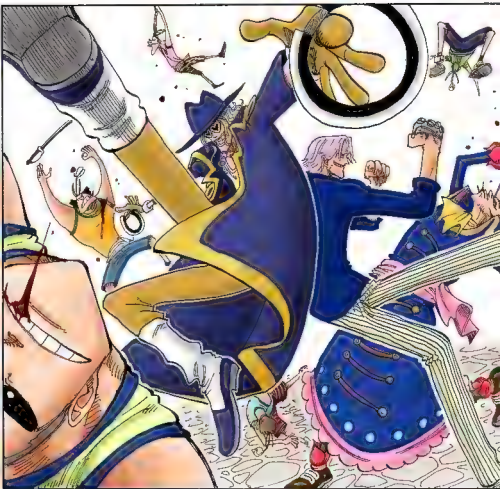






Chapter 161

"The Green City, Elumalu"



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 27 "SHALL WE DANCE?"

I sent Banchi to pick them up so they should arrive here by... Early morning tomorrow.

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They should be heading here to Rainbase right about now...

U.I.I

U.I.I

Baroque Works
Transport-Turtle
for Officer Agents
"Banchi"

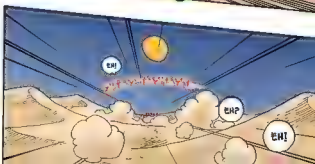
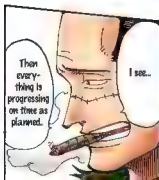
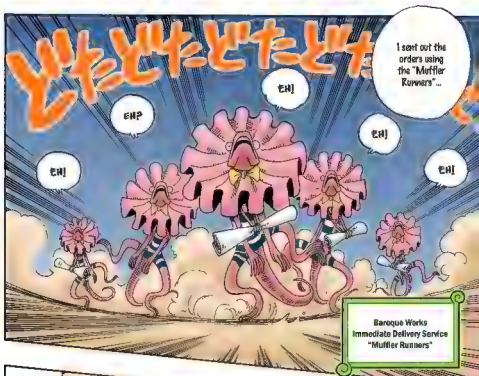
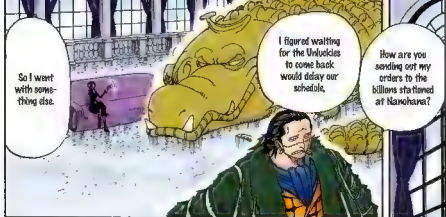
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Haha... Well, I never said I "wasn't," did I?

I never would've imagined you'd be Ms. Double-Finger, Pavla!

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Earlier that
day during
noon

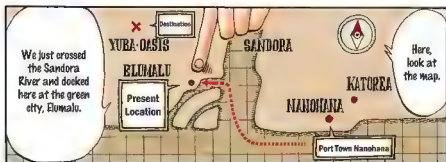
We're here
at Yuba!

Alright!



This place is
the dumps!

Wow...

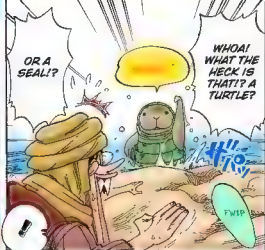




NO,
USOPP!
DON'T
GET
CLOSE
TO IT!

Kung
fu?

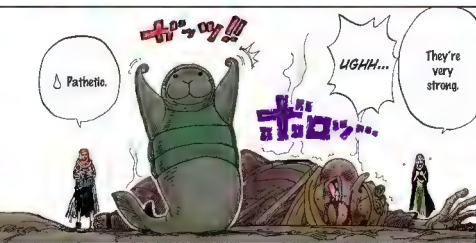
That's a
Kung-Fu
Pugong!



OR A
SEAL!?

WHOA!
WHAT THE
HECK IS
THAT!? A
TURTLE?

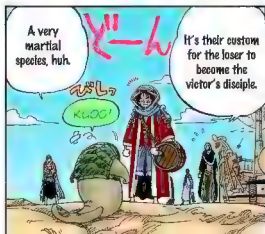
FWIP



Pathetic.

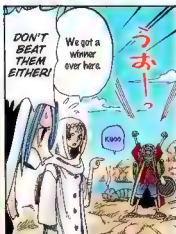
UGHH...

They're
very
strong.



A very
marital
species, huh.

It's their custom
for the loser to
become the
victor's disciple.



DON'T
BEAT
THEM
EITHER!

We got a
winner
over here.

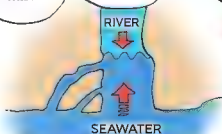


The river has lost its vigour and is now being driven inland by the ocean.

But in recent years,

Sandora River has nourished the lands of Alabasta.

For ages past,



Is that why this town dried up?



Yes, it's actually seawater. You can't use it to irrigate the lands around here.



So then the mouth of the river where the Dugongs were...



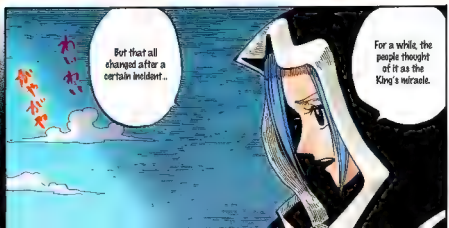
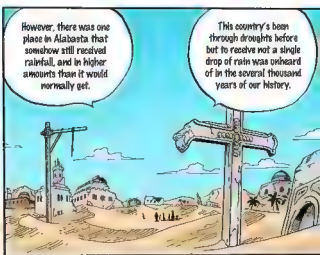
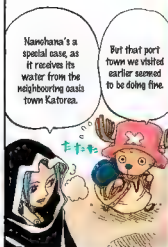
Even just a few years ago, this place was still a lively town full of plant life.

Really?



Via storing the occasional rainwater.

...No, not quite. This town has managed to get by,



Port Town
Nanohana

2 years
ago

UNLOAD THE
SUPPLIES!

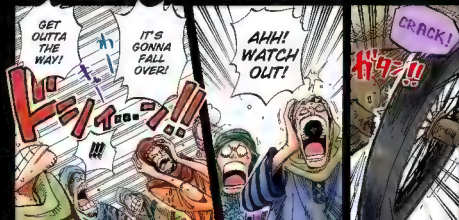


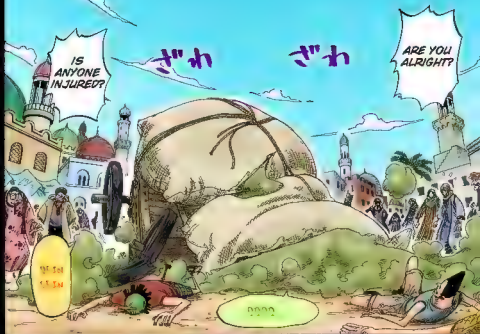
GET
OUTTA
THE
WAY!

IT'S
GONNA
FALL
OVER!

AHH!
WATCH
OUT!

CRACK!





IS
ANYONE
INJURED?

だわ

だわ

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?



Wait, this
green powder
is...!?

...What is this
anyways?



WE WERE
SUPPOSED
TO GET THIS
DELIVERED
TO THE
KING AT
ALLUBARNA
...!

OH
CRAP!
THIS IS
BAD!



RUN
FOR IT,
GUYS!

R-

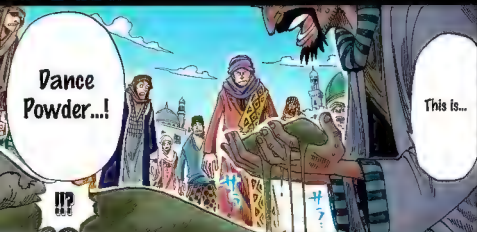


WE WERE
ONLY
FOLLOWING
THE KING'S
ORDERS...

ORDERS TO
DELIVER THIS
THING,
WHATEVER IT
IS! THAT'S ALL
WE KNOW!

UHH...
WELL,
THAT'S,
UHH...

W-WE
DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING!



Dance
Powder...!

This is...

!!?
!!?



WHAT!?

ザッ!!



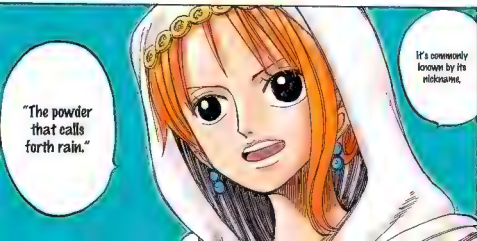
You know
what that
is, Nami?

Huh?



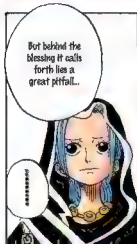
Yes...

They were
delivering
dance
powder...!?



"The powder
that calls
forth rain."

It's commonly
known by its
nickname,



Can you understand what I'm getting at?

And that pitfall is a drought in lands leeward!

Ohhh, I get it! The rain clouds that normally drift leewards would now rain much sooner, so it'd be like stealing rain from your neighbouring countries!

To make them rain much earlier than they should, thereby...



Dance Powder is something that artificially stimulates premature rain clouds,

So it's a powder that can be both a blessing or a tragedy, depending on how you use it...

And that's why the World Government has officially banned producing or owning Dance Powder.

Wars were started and countless of lives have been lost...

Exactly... Once people realized that,

That the people
would suspect the
king, after an
incident like that...

I guess it's
only
expected,

The truth behind
the capital's
abnormally
abundant
rainfall...

The entire
nation finally
realized,

Once that huge
amount of dance
powder was
uncovered at the
port of Nanohana,

Thinking about it now,
Crocodile's plans must
have already been well
under way back then...


THERE'S NO
WAY HE'D
ACTUALLY
DO SUCH A
THING!

YOU IDIOT!
HE WAS
OBTUS-
LY SET-UP!

HOLY CRAP,
VIVI!! YOUR
DAD IS EVIL!

But the fact
remained that a
large amount of
Dance Powder had
been somehow
delivered to the
Royal Palace.

My innocent
father was
completely
dumbfounded by
the incident,



The start of a
bloody conflict
between the
angry citizens
who had lost
their homes to
the drought, and
the innocent
government...!

It was all a
trap laid out
by Crocodile...
And just as he
intended, a
rebellion arose!

**WHAT
GIVES HIM
THE RIGHT
TO DO
SUCH A
THING!?**

BECAUSE
OF
CROCO-
DILE!

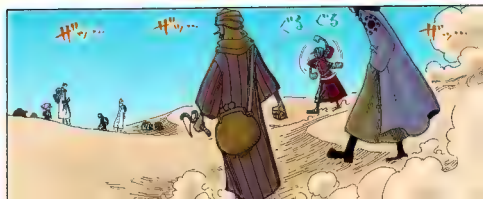
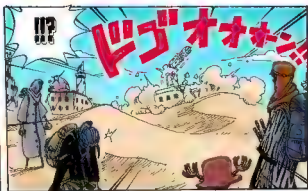
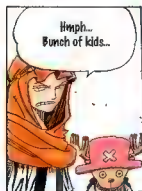
All of it
were
stripped
away
because of
one man!

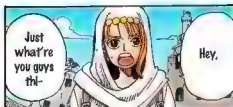
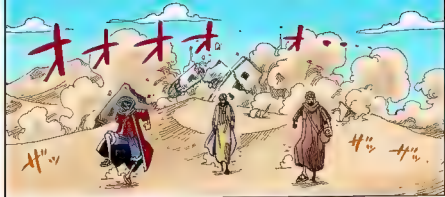
People's homes
and even their
lives...

The country's
peace, its trust
in the King,
the rain,

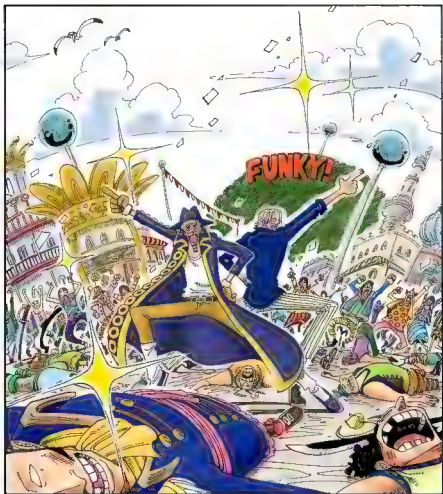
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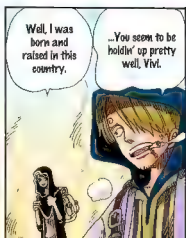
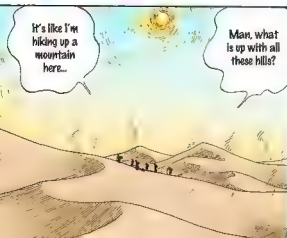
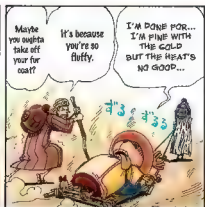
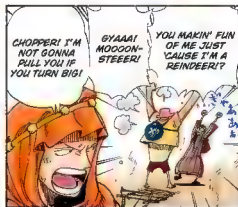


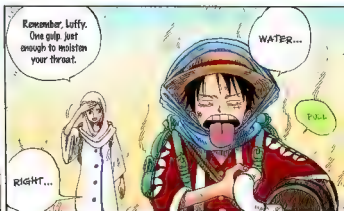
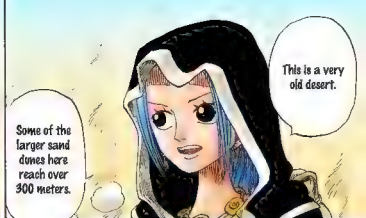
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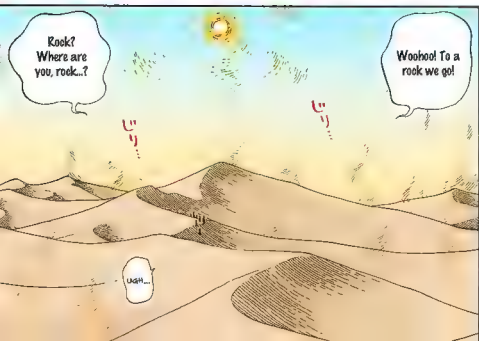
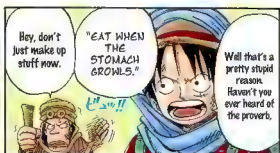
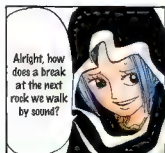


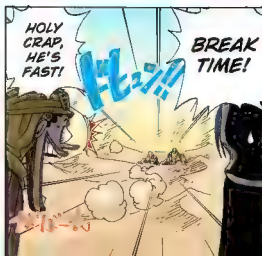
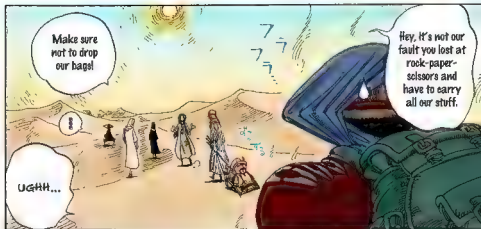
JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL.28 "THE TWO DANCING HEROES, BABY~!"

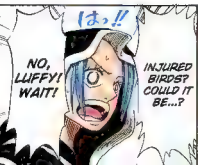
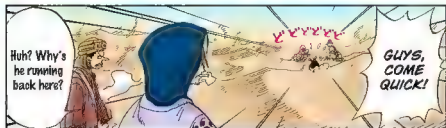
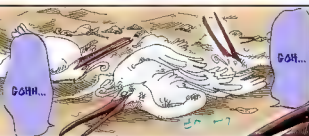
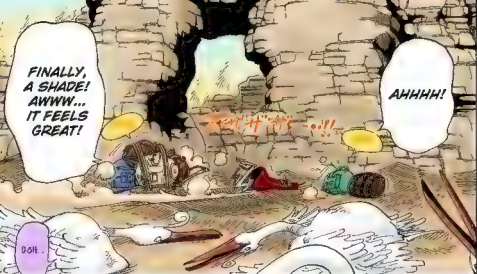












We've
been
had...

ガラン...!!

AGHH!
OUR
STUFF
IS ALL
GONE!

AND ALL THE
BIRDS THAT
WERE HERE
JUST A
MOMENT AGO
ARE GONE
TOO!

*heron in Japanese is a homonym with swindle, which makes for a joke in the last panel

Hence the
name."

Yes.

HERONS
PRETENDING TO
BE HURT...!?
WHAT A FLOCK
OF SWINDLERS!

Those were
swindle-herons.
They trick passing
travellers to steal
their luggage for
food and water.

it's my
fault for
not
warning
you
earlier...

WELL IT'S
TOO LATE TO
COMPLAIN
NOW! I'VE
ALREADY BEEN
TRICKED!

HOW THE HELL DO
YOU EXPECT US TO
SURVIVE WITHOUT
ANY FOOD OR
WATER IN THE
MIDDLE OF THIS
DESERT!?

AND YOU JUST
HAD TO LOSE IT
TO SOME DAMN
BIRDS OUT OF
ALL THINGS!

THERE
WERE
3-DAYS'
WORTH OF
SUPPLIES
IN THERE!

OH, SO
YOU'RE
DUMBER
THAN A BIRD
NOW, IS
THAT IT?

WHAT WAS
THAT?!

PIPE DOWN,
YOU TWO!

Yes.

Since Yuba's an oasis
town, all we have to
do is hold out until
then. Losing those
supplies won't be the
death of us.

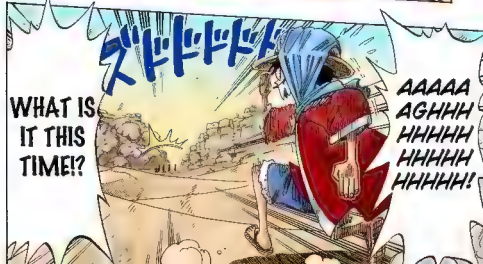
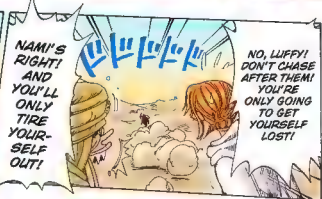
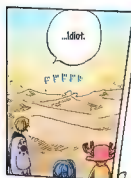
Let's rest here for
a bit. The heat's
making you all lose
your temper so just
cool your heads in
the shades here.

...We'll be able to
reach Yuba by
night, right Vivi?



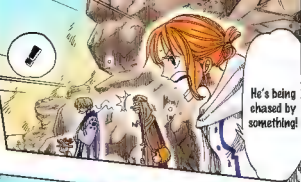
We'll head
out again
after 10
minutes of
rest.

So let's just forget
about what
happened, lest we
tire ourselves out
even more.

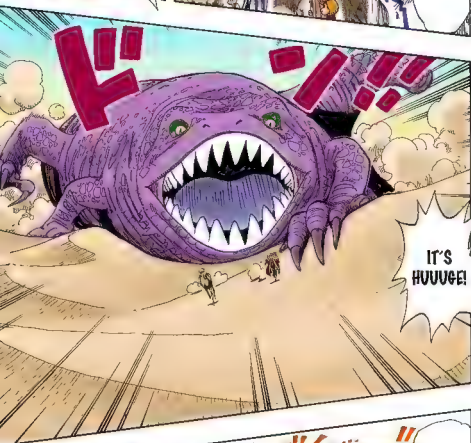




It's a
Sandora
Monitor
Lizard!



He's being
chased by
something!



IT'S
HUUUGE!



DAMN
THIS
LIZARD...

Just what kind
of star was he
born under to
be fated to so
much trouble...



Let's set aside
the fact that
there's a
camed running
beside him for
now while we
take care of
this...

"WHIP!"

"MAKI!"
(Dragon Tornado)

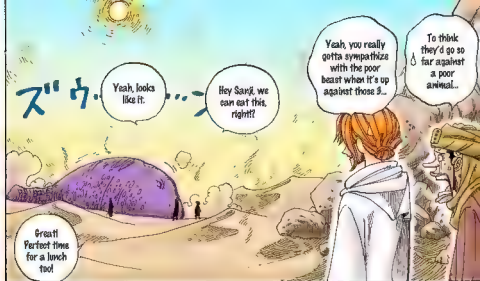
"SHOOT!"
(Shoulder Shoot)

GOMU
GOMU
...

TATSU...

ÉPAULE...

!!?



ズウ...

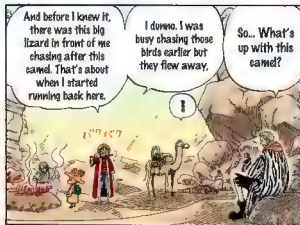
Yeah, looks like it.

Hey Sanji, we can eat this, right?

Yeah, you really gotta sympathize with the poor beast when it's up against those 9...

To think they'd go so far against a poor animal...

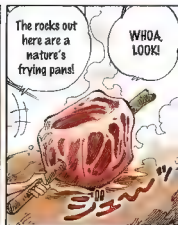
Great!
Perfect time
for a lunch
too!



And before I knew it, there was this big lizard in front of me chasing after this camel. That's about when I started running back here.

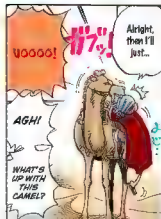
I dunno. I was busy chasing those birds earlier but they flew away.

So... What's up with this camel?



The rocks out here are a nature's frying pans!

WHOA, LOOK!



UOOOO!

ガッ!

Alright, then I'll just...

AGHI

WHAT'S UP WITH THIS CAMEL?



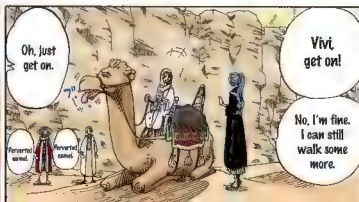
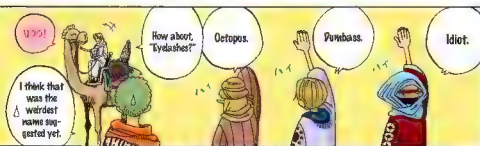
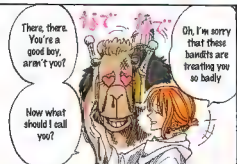
Oh, that'll be useful. It looks like up to 2 people can ride on it.

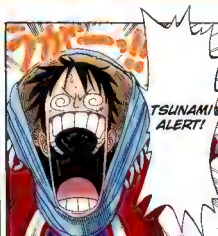
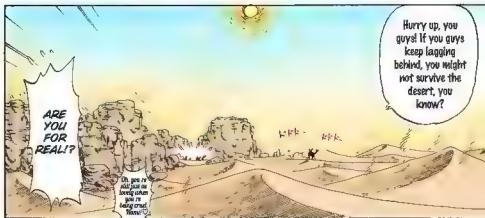
Hey, that means we can ride it!

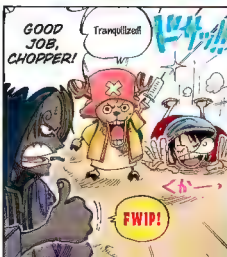
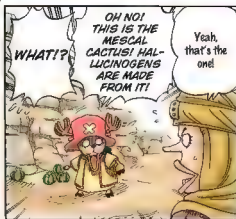
Especially since there's already a saddle on it and all.

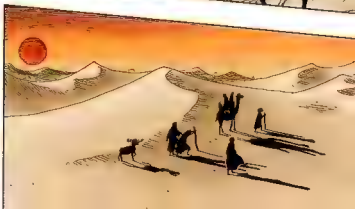
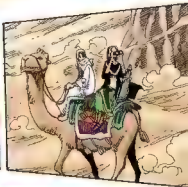
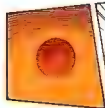
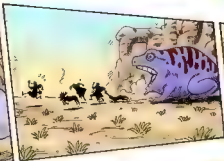
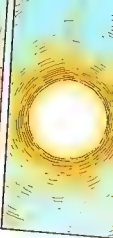
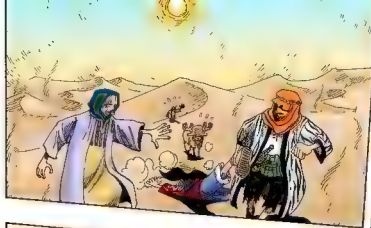
It doesn't look like a wild camel.

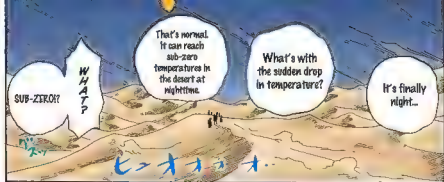
Nothing beats a camel when walking across the desert!











CHAPTER 163

“Yuba, Base of the Rebel Forces”



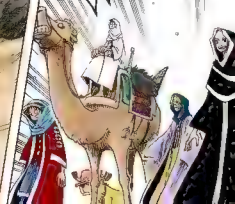
JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 29 "CRIME, FRIENDSHIP, AND DUTY"

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IT'S A
SAND-
STORM!

YUBA'S
BEING
HIT BY
A SAND-
STORM!

!!?



Travellers, eh?
...Well then,
you must be
awfully tired.

!?

Kingdom of
Alabasta,
Yuba Oasis

Oh my
god...

Sorry to tell you
folks this town's
a little bit dried
up right now.

It's swallowed
the oasis up!

Look at all
this sand...

Wasn't this
supposed to
be an oasis
town, Vivi?

Where's the
water?!

Frankly speaking,
there ain't much of a
difference between
here and that
abandoned town
Elumalai!

What a
mess...!

We've got plenty of inns and rooms to spare... That's one of the things Yuba's known for.

But you folks still ought to rest here for the night.

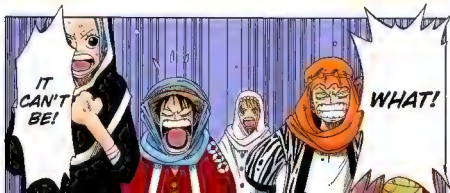
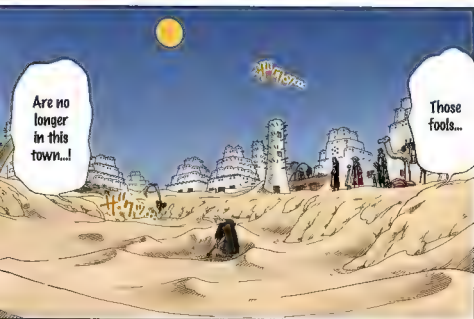
GRAB

Excuse me, but I heard the rebel forces were using this town as a base. Is that tr-

Umm...

You have business with the rebels?

Townsmen
Toto



This town's been
regularly hit by
sandstorms!

And because of
that, the oasis is
now in the sorry
state you see
before you.

You saw the
sandstorm just now,
didn't you...
Well, let me tell you
that sandstorm
wasn't the first one
this town's had...

Ever since
the drought
started
3 years ago,

So they
relocated to
Katorea and
set up their
main base
there.

Trade
caravans
have since
stopped
coming here,

And the
rebels
realized
they
couldn't
hold out
here any
longer,

Vivi...? Did you
say Vivi just
now...?

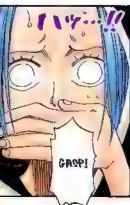
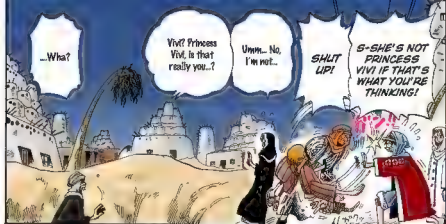
BESIDE
NANOHANA!?

It's an oasis
town beside
Nanohana!

THEN WHAT
THE HELL DID
WE COME ALL
THE WAY OUT
HERE FOR!?

Why, where's
that, Vivi?

KATOREA?



PLEASE!
YOU HAVE
TO STOP
THEM...!

THOSE
REBELS
ARE ALL
OUT OF
THEIR
MINDS!



Alubarna,
11 years
ago

...Vivi, you
better grow up
to be a good
princess!

YOU'RE
THE
ONLY
ONE
WHO
CAN!

Toto...



WHY
DIDN'T
YOU HELP
US!?

The town
dried up...!

Village boy,
Kouza





Even as a king, there's nothing I can do about it.

I'm afraid the weather is the domain of gods.



The things I can do are still limited to things achieved through human means.

BUT MY DAD SAID THE KING COULD DO ANYTHING!

YOUR MAJESTY! A MAN CALLING HIMSELF AS THIS BOY'S FATHER HAS JUST ENTERED THE PALACE!

I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS SO PLEASE PUNISH ME AS YOUR MAJESTY SEES FIT!

FORGIVE THE INSOLENT MY MANNERLESS SON HAS SHOWN, YOUR MAJESTY!



The village boy's father, Toto

You said
your
name is
Toto,
correct...?

Yes, your
majesty!

You idiot, you
idiot, you idiot!
Lower your
head this
instant and
apologize!

In the
meanwhile, they
are permitted to
move here to the
capital and
think about
what to do with
their lives from
NOW ON.

The state will
provision all
homeless
villagers
affected by the
recent draught.

I SAID
COME
BACK!

KOUZA,
COME
BACK!

YOU THINK THAT'S
SUDDENLY GONNA
FIX EVERYTHING?
YOU DON'T HAVE
A CLUE HOW THE
VILLAGERS FEEL!

Your majesty's
benevolence is truly
astounding! We are
grateful from the
bottom of our hearts!

がばっ!!



That means he came all the way here to speak with me for their sake.

That's a good son you've raised there. He said "how the villagers feel" just now.

Y-yes, your majesty!

Toto...

がはっ!!!

What did you call me, pipsqueak?

!!

Crybaby!

はい...!!!

はは...!!!



YOU FOOL! Wring out the money from the royal family's personal spendings if you have to!

ギョギョギョ!!!

SMACK!

OWW!

I'm afraid I must inform you that we...

Yes, Igarani?

Your majesty.

Currently do not have enough funds to fully provision all the villagers...

As you wish...

PRINCESS
VIVI HAS
BEEN...!

YOUR
MAJESTY!
THE
PRINCESS
...!

どーん!!

...And I lost.

SNIFF

I got in
a fight.

IGARAM,
CALM
DOWN!

HOW
DARE
THAT
BRAT
HARM
THIS
KING-
DOM'S
PRIN-
CESS!

PRIN-
CESS
VIVI!!

VIVI!!

I SHALL
COMMIT
RITUAL
SUICIDE TO
ATONE FOR
HIS SINS!

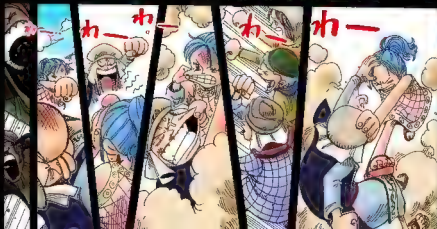
どーん!!

PLEASE
FORGIVE MY
SON, YOUR
MAJESTY!



SFX: DOUBLE KINS CHOP





Any
complaints
with that!?

ヤー!!

Listen up, guys!
From today,
Vivi's the vice-
leader of our
Sand-sand
gang!

Yes...

Vivi's got
herself some
new friends.

...Look Igaram.

NOPE!

King Cobra's
here!

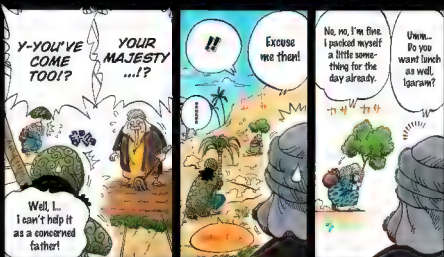
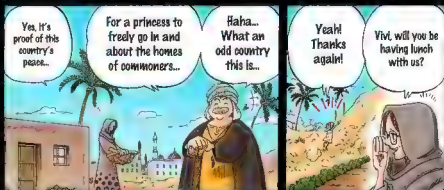
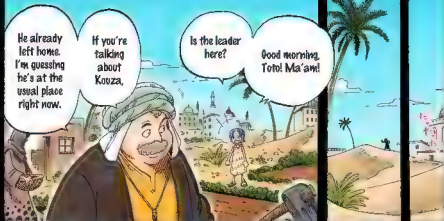
Ah, it's
the king!

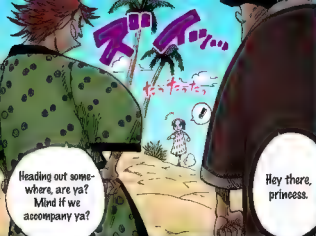
ぎく
ぎく!!

And so is Igaram,
captain of the
Royal Guards.

That's the most
important thing
she can have!

In order to
govern
Alabasta well
in the future...





Heading out some-
where, are ya?
Mind if we
accompany ya?

Hey there,
princess.



PLEASE,
YOUR
MAJESTY!

W
H
A
T
!

PLEASE
RETURN TO
THE PALACE!
THIS IS NO
PLACE FOR
A KING!



!?

Leader!
Guys!
What's
going on?

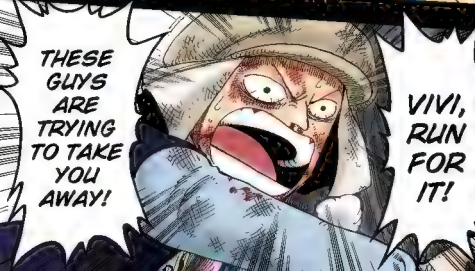


WHA!?
I THOUGHT
WE KNOCKED
THESE KIDS
OUT
ALREADY!

わあ!!

ATTACK,
SAND-
SAND
GANG!

がし!!



THESE
GUYS
ARE
TRYING
TO TAKE
YOU
AWAY!

VIVI,
RUN
FOR
IT!

Chapter 164 "Love My Country"



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 30 "DECISION AT MARINE HQ COURT: HANGING"

わあああ!!!

HURRY
UP AND
RUN,
VIVI!

OR
THEY'LL
KILL
YOU!

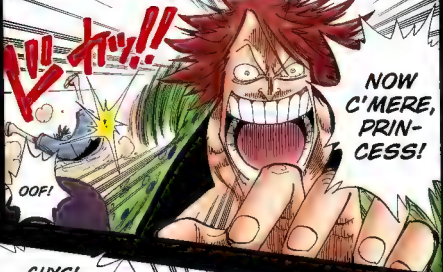
!!

ALL WE'RE
GONNA DO
IS RANSOM
YOU FOR
MONEY!

AHAHAHA!
DON'T
WORRY,
WE WON'T
KILL YA!

B-BUT...

LEADER!



NOW
C'MERE,
PRIN-
CESS!

OOF!

GUYS!
WE'LL DIE
PROTECT-
ING VIVI
IF WE
HAVE TO,
RIGHT?!

ばーん!!

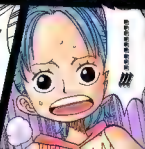
AS IF
WE'D
JUST
HAND
HER
OVER!

THAT'S
RIGHT!

THEY
HAVE
ANOTHER
GUY?!

あー!

HAHAHA!
SOME
GUARDS
YOU
TWERPS
ARE!



DON'T
LET THEM
CHASE
HER!

SHE'S HEADED
FOR THE
RUINS! CHASE
AFTER HER!

OH CRAP!
SHE GOT
AWAY FROM
ME!

わああ!

OH!!!

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ばっ!!

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W-what
happened
here...?!

.....!!

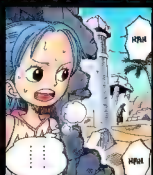
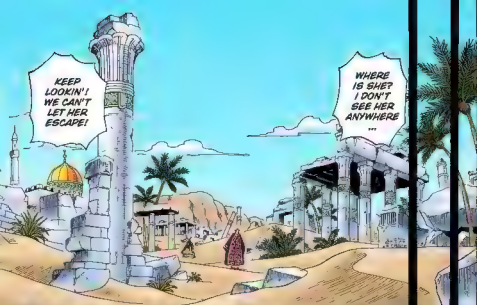
THERE WERE
THESE BAD
GROWN-UPS WITH
KNIVES TRYING TO
TAKE VIVI AWAY...

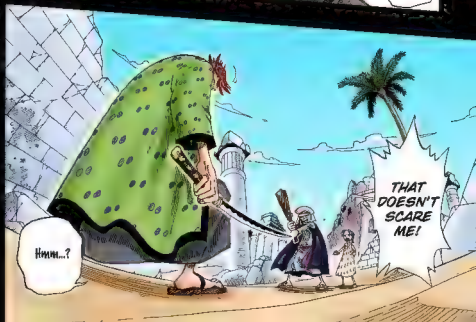
TELL
ME
WHAT
HAPP-
ENED!

CHILD-
REN!

SHE RAN AWAY
TO THE RUINS
BUT SO DID
THEY AND
KOUZA...

UGH...





WE'LL DIE
PROTECTING
VIVI IF WE
HAVE TO!

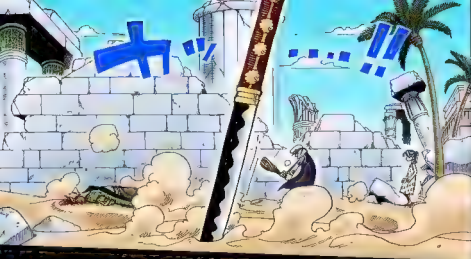
NO,
LEADER!
STOOOP!

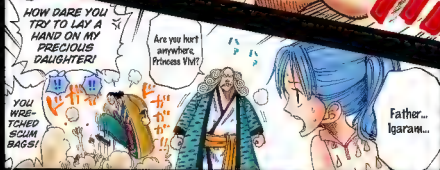
YOU EVER
BEEN CUY,
BOY...?

PANT...
PANT...
PANT...









What brings the king of a country so far away from his palace?

We beg your majesty to refrain from personally taking these matters into your hands when we're around.

We should be asking your majesty the same question.

What brave little children, they are...

Yes, sir!

Chakal Pell!
Go call a doctor!

As well as the other members of the Sand-Sand gang.

Yes, I'll bring a doctor immediately to treat Kouza.

Igarani!
Kouza is..!

What's wrong, Vivi? How long are you gonna keep on crying?

.....



Back then, you said, "We'll die protecting Vivi if we have to..."

No, that's not it!



Well yeah, it was scary for me too since they had knives but-



B-but... It was... So scary...!



WE'LL DIE
PROTECT-
ING VIVI
IF WE
HAVE TO!

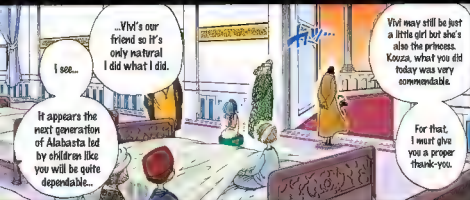


Please don't ever say,

Some-
thing as
scary as
dying,
leader...!



So she was
scared most
by the idea
of losing her
friends...



I see...

...Vivi's our
friend so it's
only natural
I did what I did.

It appears the
next generation
of Alabasta led
by children like
you will be quite
dependable...

Vivi may still be just
a little girl but she's
also the princess.
Kouza, what you did
today was very
commendable.

For that,
I must give
you a proper
thank-you.



Same here!



Yup! It's the
country I was
born in, after all!



...Do you love
this country,
Kouza?



To be a ruler
means having
to lay
down harsh
decisions at
times...

I fear Vivi's a
little too nice
for that.

About
what?

I must confess
that I am
a little
worried.



Alabasta
is just fine
like this...

It's fine...

Yes?

Igaram...



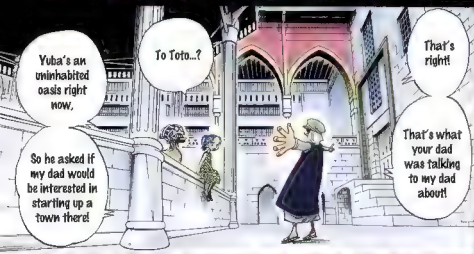
'Til the end
of my life.

I'll accompany
your majesty,

.....



"Yuba."



Yuba's an uninhabited oasis right now,

To Toto...?

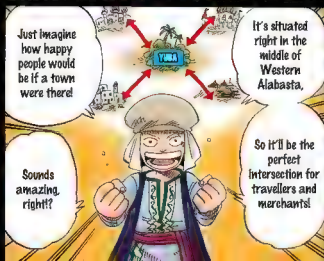
That's right!

So he asked if my dad would be interested in starting up a town there!

That's what your dad was talking to my dad about!



My dad accepted the offer to start a town there on behalf of the king!



Just imagine how happy people would be if a town were there!

It's situated right in the middle of Western Alabasta,

Sounds amazing, right!?

So it'll be the perfect intersection for travellers and merchants!

But I still want to try it! I want to help create a new town with my own two hands!

I mean, I know it's gonna be hard work and all,

'Course! My dad told me I should just stay here but, well...

Are you going too?

Yuba will be a vital town for the future of Alabastal

Thank you, your majesty. I promise the new town will be something to see!

ガッパ...!!

I'll leave it all in your care, Toto.

I'll build that town so it'll help make this country better than before!

Just you wait!

Sure thing, Toto!

Please do come visit once the town is set up.

Well, I guess we should say good-bye for now, Vivi.

You better
grow up to
be a good
princess!

See ya then,
Vivi! In the
meanwhile...

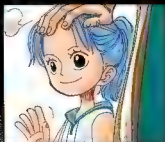
Okay!



OWWW

יאבא!

Kouza! That's
not how to
address the
princess of
our country!



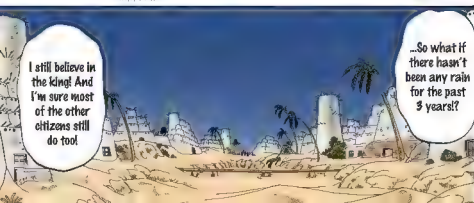
I'm sure Yuba will
help make this
country even better
than before...

As Kouza
said,



I still believe in
the king! And
I'm sure most
of the other
citizens still
do too!

...So what if
there hasn't
been any rain
for the past
3 years!?





But nothing I said
was of any use...
Those rebels just
won't stop...

I tried and
tried... Honest
to god, I tried
so hard to
stop them...

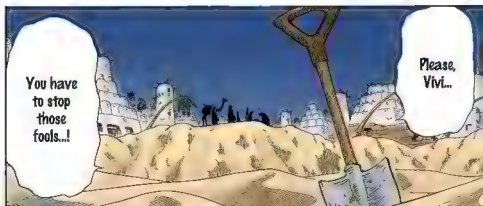
But their supplies are
running low and they
know they can't hold
out for much longer...



**THEY'RE
PRACTICALLY
SUICIDAL AT
THIS POINT!**

They've lost
their minds...!

That's why
they're planning
on settling things
once and for all
in their next
offensive!



You have
to stop
those
fools...!

Please,
Vivi...

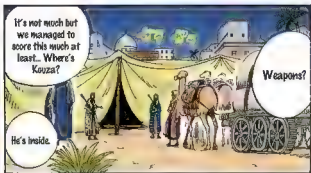


Katoorea
Oasis Town
(Situated
next to
Nanohana)

Current
Main
Base
of the
Rebels



What's the
matter? You seem
to be spacing out...



It's not much but
we managed to
score this much at
least... Where's
Kouza?

Weapons?

He's inside.



This
country...

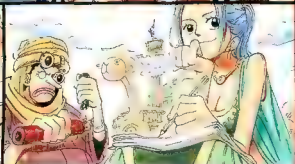
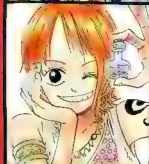
Has gone
mad...

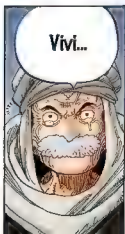
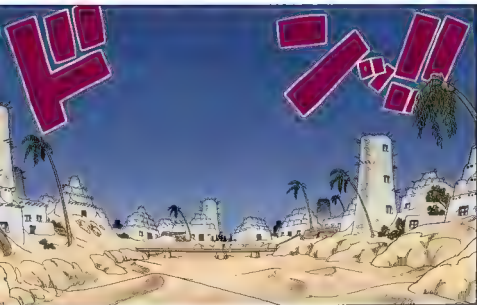
Leader of the
Rebel Forces
Kouza

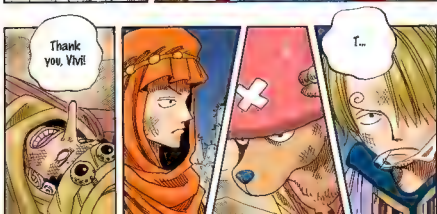
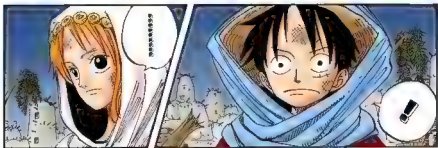
"Operation Utopia"

ONE PIECE

Flavor of Sand.







You must all be exhausted by now so why don't we all get some rest,

So we have enough energy for tomorrow?!

Good work crew!

やーん!

AND DON'T JUST INSULT ME FOR PASSING OUT WHEN BLUE-NOSE OVER THERE TAKES THE TOP PRIZE FOR THAT TODAY!

Oh, so it's a fight you want, is that it...?

SORRY I'M NOT FREAKISHLY STRONG LIKE YOU MONSTERS!

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! I PASSED OUT BECAUSE I WAS FREAKIN' EXHAUSTED! YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

Ack!

Some talk comin' from someone who was sleeping until now!

ぐあまま
バツ!

UGH!

バツ!!

OH THAT'S IT! YOU'RE ALL OONNN!

SOME PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO GET A LITTLE SHUT-EYE HERE!

HEY! WHO JUST THREW THAT PILLOW! YOU'VE GOT SOME OUTS!

AND WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING OVER THERE?

Oh, I assumed you might need someone to comfort you while you sleep so I...

Umm, Sanji, this is my bed...

I TOLD YOU! I'M NOT GOOD WITH THE HEAT!

AGH!

ボフン!!

ゴゴゴ



The water
will come...

The Yuba
Oasis is
still alive.

Yo old man!
I still don't see
any water!
Ugh, my throat's
soooo dry.

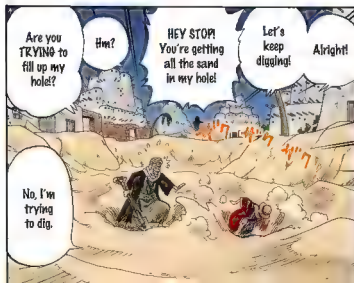
I'm surprised you
can manage to
survive in a place
like this.



I'll dig the
oasis back up
as many times
as it takes...

Because this is the
land the king
himself specially
entrusted to me..!

Yuba won't
be defeated
by the likes
of sand...



Are you
TRYING to
fill up my
hole?

Hm?

HEY STOP!
You're getting
all the sand
in my hole!

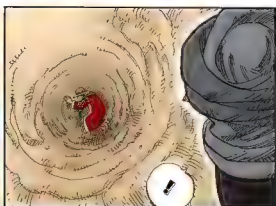
Let's
keep
digging!

Alright!

No, I'm
trying
to dig.



Hmm...



JOOKING
AROUND!

STOOOP,

That's right!
Allyer'yappin' is
makin' my hips
achetohell!!

Mr. Z, could
you please
just wait
quietly?

Well, I'm just
going to stand
here and spin!
Spin, spin, spin
like a beautiful
swan!

The least
he could do
is give us
an
octofait in
the mean-
while!

How long is
he planning
on making
us wait?!

ばんばんばんばん!!

ばんばんばん!!

That goes for
you too,
Ms. Merry
Christmas.

Fo... Fo...
Fo... Fo...



Then again,
There's no need
for that either...

Didn't tell
youtopipe
downidiot!?

Oh
hesellooo
there,
Sunday!
How ya
doin'?

Ms. All
Sunday.

Fufufu...
I suppose
asking you to
all get along
is impossible.




Where exactly
are we,

Ms. All
Sunday...?



It's quite a
sight seeing
you agents
all gathered
in one place.

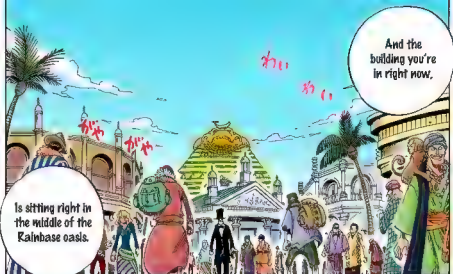
Thank you
all for
taking the
long trip out
here for this
meeting.



I'm sure you've all
heard of it before
though. The city where
travellers come to
gamble in hopes of
getting rich...

I welcome you
officer agents to
Rainbase, the
city of dreams...

Oh that's right.
You don't know
because Banochi
brought
you here using
the back door...



!!

But of course,
there's someone
I must introduce to
you before that...

The boss whom
you've known nothing
about except his
codename...

Start the damn
meeting already!
Start! Begin! Go!

Fine by me!

If you have
no further
questions, then
let's get the
meeting
underway.



But there's no
longer a need
for that...
You under-
stand why,
don't you...?



Until now, I've
been acting on his
behalf to keep his
identity a secret,

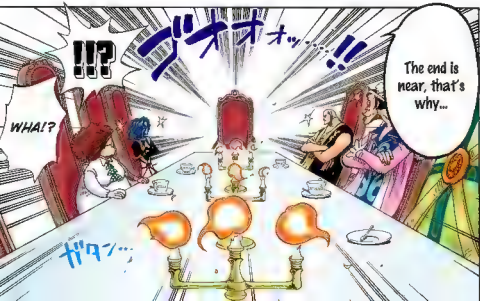
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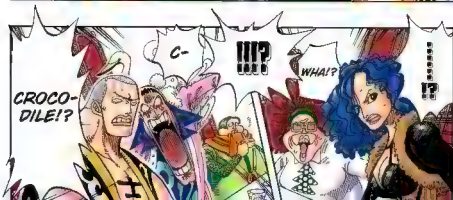
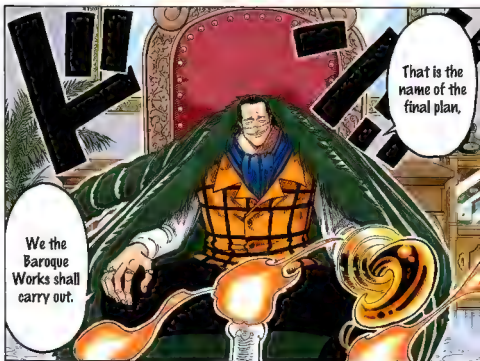
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WHA!?

The end is
near, that's
why...

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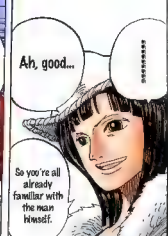




Of course we know him! But more importantly, why would one of the Shichibukai be...



We've got a real big-name here now...



Ah, good...

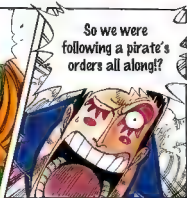
So you're all already familiar with the man himself.



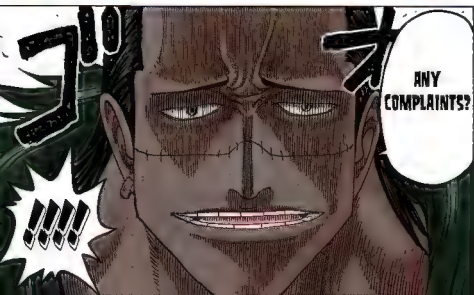
"You're" our boss...?



Fa...



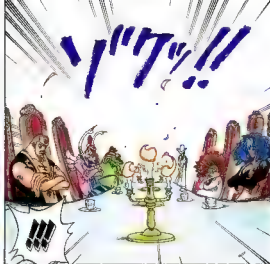
So we were following a pirate's orders all along!?



ANY COMPLAINTS?

A pirate officially sanctioned by the World Government, would go all the way out and form a criminal organization...

We're not complaining here. We're just confused why a Shohibukai.



IT'S
MILITARY
MIGHT!

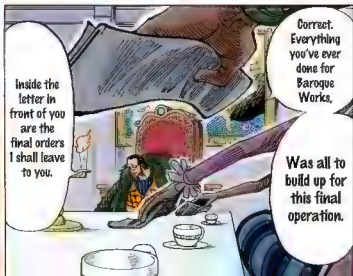
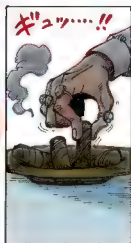
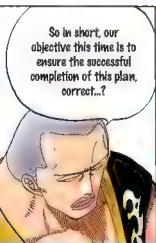
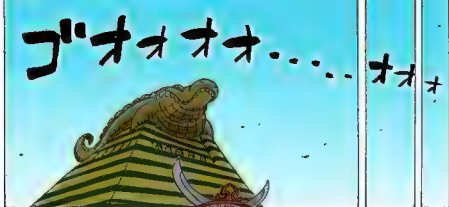
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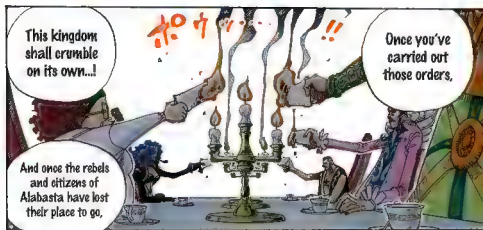
What
I desire isn't
money or
land...

Allow me to
explain from
the beginning.

My true objective
and the full picture
behind the final
operation of
Baroque Works...

Military
might...?





This kingdom
shall crumble
on its own...!

Once you've
carried out
those orders,

And once the rebels
and citizens of
Alabasta have lost
their place to go,

This country
shall become
our "Utopia!"

Within a
single night,

They too, will
fall into the
hands of
Baroque
Works!





The operation
will begin
tomorrow
morning at 7!

Operation
Utopia will be
the last and
greatest plan
carried out by
Baroque Works!

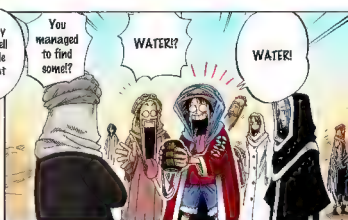
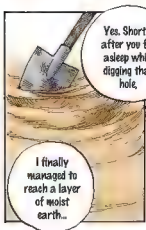
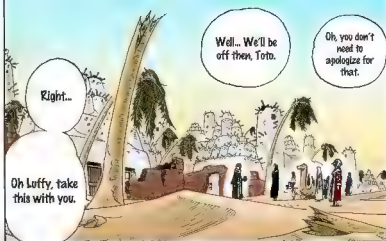
Failure will
not be
tolerated.

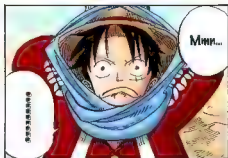
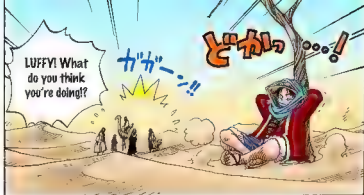


Roger...!



I PRAY
FOR OUR
SUCCESS.





Chapter 166 "Luffy vs. Vivi"



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 31 "FULLBODY'S TEARFUL DANCE OF OBJECTION!"





I hitched onto the back of Banchi's carriage, you see...

I've been trailing you ever since at Spider's Cafe, you know...?

Where did I "spring from?" How rude...

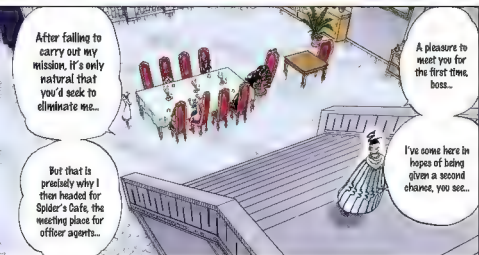


LET HIM TALK, MR. 2!



MR. 3!
WHERE DID YOU SPRING FROM!?

I WAS CERTAIN I FINISHED YOU OFF!

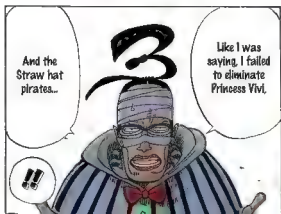


After failing to carry out my mission, it's only natural that you'd seek to eliminate me...

But that is precisely why I then headed for Spider's Cafe, the meeting place for officer agents...

A pleasure to meet you for the first time, boss...

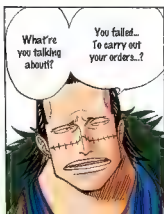
I've come here in hopes of being given a second chance, you see...



And the Straw hat pirates...

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Like I was saying, I failed to eliminate Princess Vivi.

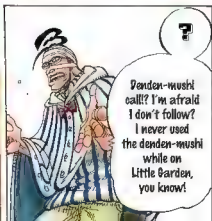
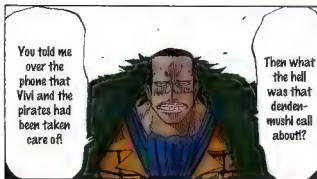


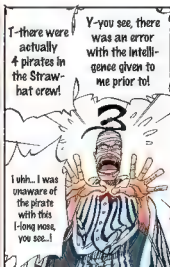
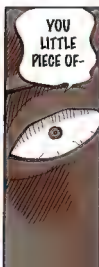
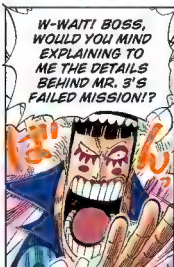
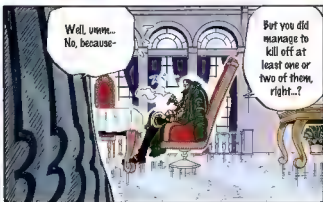
What're you talking about?

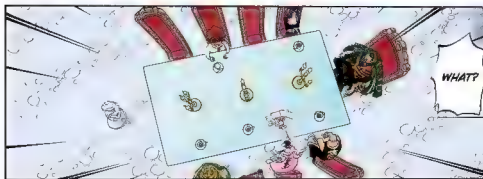
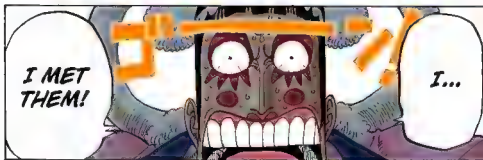
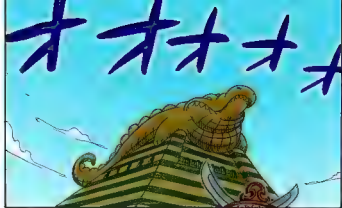
You failed... To carry out your orders...?

YOU
MEAN TO
TELL ME
THEY'RE
STILL
ALIVE!?

YOU
DIDN'T
KILL
THEM!?





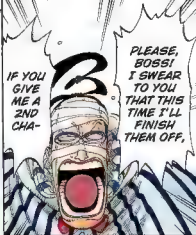






SHUT UP,
YOU
INCOMPE-
TENT
BUFFOON!

IF YOU
GIVE
ME A
2ND
CHA-



PLEASE,
BOSS!
I SWEAR
TO YOU
THAT THIS
TIME I'LL
FINISH
THEM OFF,



Despite the fact
that you're inferior
to Mr. 4 in terms
of combat ability?!

Mr. 3...

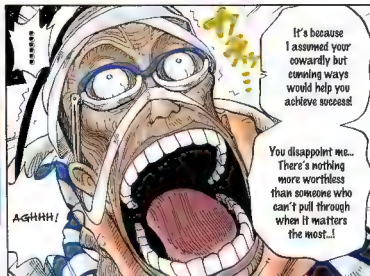
Do you
know why
I made you
Mr. 3,

KAH...



W-what's
happening
to him?!

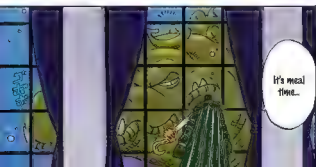
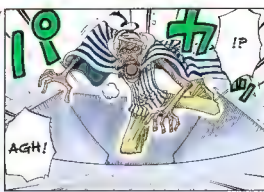
He's drying
up...!

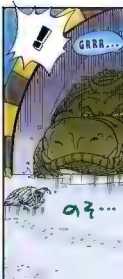
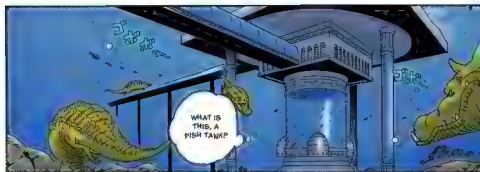


It's because
I assumed your
cowardly but
cunning ways
would help you
achieve success!

You disappoint me...
There's nothing
more worthless
than someone who
can't pull through
when it matters
the most...!

AGHHH!

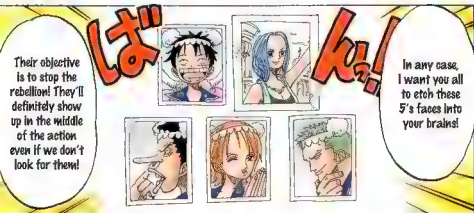






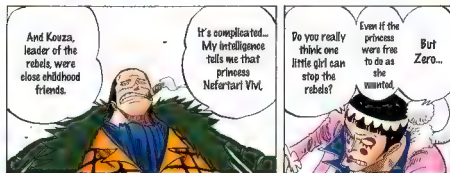
Killing him once
isn't enough!

That damned
idiot...!



Their objective
is to stop the
rebellion! They'll
definitely show
up in the middle
of the action
even if we don't
look for them!

In any case,
I want you all
to etch these
5's faces into
your brains!



And Kouza,
leader of the
rebels, were
close childhood
friends.

It's complicated...
My intelligence
tells me that
princess
Nefertari Vivi.

Do you really
think one
little girl can
stop the
rebels?

Even if the
princess
were free
to do as
she
wanted.

But
Zero...



We can't
afford to
let those
two meet...!

There's a
good chance
she'll cause
the rebels to
hesitate...

Even if she
can't stop
the swarm
of 700,000
rebels,

We have to ensure it stays that way by keeping Vivi away from the rebels!

Many of our Billions have already infiltrated the rebel forces.

The fact that I haven't received any updates from them yet means that Vivi and the Straw-Hat pirates have yet to take decisive action..!

I don't care if you have to use a denden-mushi. Just get the word out to the Billions stationed in Nanohana as soon as you can,

That they are to kill Vivi and the Straw-Hat pirates on sight!

Ms. All Sunday.

Yes?

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, VIVI CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO MEET KOUZA!

THEY CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER KATOREA NO MATTER WHAT!




Our Utopia
awaits just
ahead!

Now get
going, the
rest of you,

Or our
"celebra-
tions"
will be
delayed...

As you
wish...



And I hope
for your
sakes that
you won't
cause me any
trouble unlike
a certain
someone...

We'll
bring you
success
no matter
what!



You can
count on
us, boss..!



GOOD. THEN
ENJOY
YOURSELVES...

HEY LUFFY!
WE'VE GOT NO
TIME TO PLAY
ALONG WITH ONE
OF YOUR WHIMS
RIGHT NOW!

Luffy,
what're
you talkin'
about?!

"YOU QUIT!?"



This is all to
help Vivi!
Did you forget
already?!

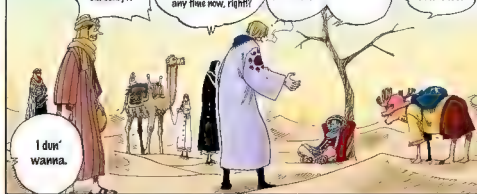
You do realize we're
trying to stop a huge
civil war involving a
million combatants
that's going to start
any time now, right?!

We have to
head to
Katorea 'cause
that's where
the rebels are!

Yeah,
that's
right.

Well we're
going back,
aren't we?

I dun'
wanna.

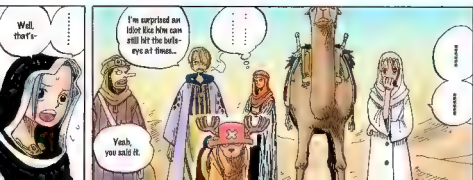
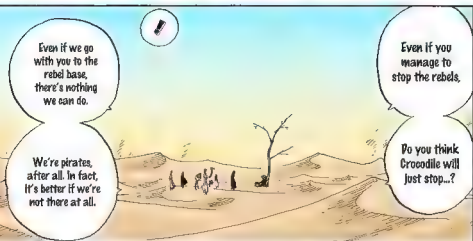


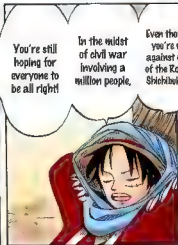
What
is it?

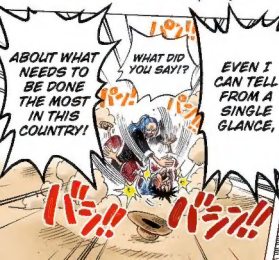
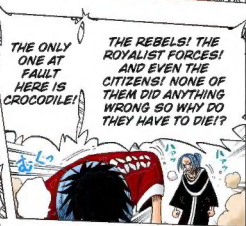
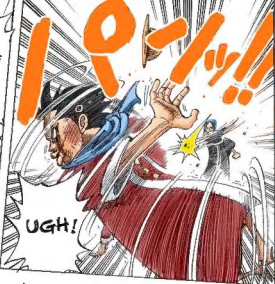
...Vivi.

YOU
WHAT?!









I DON'T
HAVE
ANY-
THING
ELSE
TO RI-

I will...
Never forgive
that man!

THEN WHAT
ELSE CAN
I RISK!?

YOU THINK
RISKING
YOUR LIFE
ALONE IS
GONNA BE
ENOUGH!?

Yuba will never
be defeated
by the likes of
sand...



!!!

I THOUGHT
WE WERE
FRIENDS!

YOU COULD AT
THE VERY
LEAST RISK OUR
LIVES TOO!



You still do
have some
tears left
in you.

I'll stop the
rebels no
matter what!



...So you were
hiding it all
along,
weren't you...?



